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TAXES GALORE TO FOOT WAR BILL

MOUNTING DEFICITS AND SOARING TAXATION

Raisman Raises Rate Of E. P. Tax

POOR MAN'S MATCHES TO COST MORE

INCREASE IN CENTRAL SURCHARGE ON INCOME-TAX AND SUPER-TAX: EXTRA DUTY ON ART SILK: NEW EXCISE DUTY ON PNEUMATIC TYRES AND TUBES

INTRODUCING the Central Budget in the Legislative Assembly on Friday, he Finance Member disclosed a deficit of 8,42 lakhs for 1940-41 and a prospective deficit of 2,046 lakhs for 1942. The bull's eye of the deficit is the strengthening of all arms which is estimated to cost 24 crores this year and 35 crores additional expenditure next year.

NEW TAXES GALORE

The Finance Member proposes to bridge the yawning gulf in the budget by (1) increasing the E. P. Tax from 50 per cent to 66-2/3 per cent, (2) by increasing the Central Surcharge on income-tax and super-tax from 25 per cent to 33-1/3 per cent, (3) by doubling the excise duty on matches, (5) by increased duty on artificial silk yarn and thread and (5) by the new excise duty of 10 per cent on pneumatic tyres and tubes.

LOAN FOR UNCOVERED DEFICIT

The total estimated yield of the new taxes is 661 lakhs, and the uncovered deficit of 1,385 lakhs will be met by borrowing.

Announcing his budget proposals, Sir Jeremy Raisman said:

"I return now to the estimated revenue position for the next financial year, which as I indicated reveals a prospective deficit of Rs. 2,046 lakhs. I would at this point remind the Hon. Members of the extent to which the railway contribution has come to our assistance and how greatly it has mitigated our difficulties. It remains for me to place before the House the proposals which I have formulated in regard to the deficit.

WAR BENEFICIARIES MUST PAY.

I deal first with direct taxation, namely the excess profits tax and the income-tax. It is true on the whole that at the present moment the main economic advantage which is derived from India's war supply activities accrues to the industrial and commercial sections of the country, and the direct tax-payer may fairly be called on to shoulder the larger share of any further burdens which are to be imposed. I propose that the profits of a further period of one year shall now be subjected to the excess profits tax, and that the rate applicable to such profits shall be sixty-six and two-third per cent.

AMENDING BILL PROPOSED.

I think it relevant to remind the House of the remarks which I made regarding the effect on the incidence of this tax of the important modifications which were made in the clauses of the E. P. T. Bill dealing with the optional standard periods, and also the special provisions for new industries and for such matters as abnormal depreciation. I have little doubt that with these features of our system, the new level of the tax will neither cause substantial hardship to the existing industries nor operate to impede the growth of new ones. The change in the percentage will however introduce a compli-

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M. L. A's GASP AT BUDGET GAP...

NEW DELHI, Feb. 28.

A hum expressive of alarm went round the members, when Sir Jeremy Raisman gave the estimated deficit for the coming year as Rs. twenty crores forty-six lakhs.

The new taxation proposals were for the most part received in undemonstrative silence except for an occasional gasp from some parts of the house.

The Finance Member took an hour and 25 minutes to deliver his speech which was frequently applauded, particularly passages in which he referred to the tributes paid to the training of Indian soldiers and the part they played in recent victories, announced that the year 1941 would witness the appearance of the aeroplane produced in India and his confident declaration about India's financial strength.

The budget statement was made in the Council of State by Mr. C. E. Jones, Finance Secretary.

The Council adjourned till Wednesday.—A. P.

FINANCE BILL INTRODUCED

After the presentation of the budget, Sir Jeremy Raisman introduced the Finance Bill embodying the new taxation proposals, except the one relating to rubber tyres and tubes.

When he asked for leave to introduce a separate bill to impose an excise duty on pneumatic rubber tyres and tubes, several members objected on the ground that the agenda for the day made no mention of this bill.

Sir Jeremy Raisman explained that if it had been included in the agenda, it would have amounted to premature disclosure of a part of his new taxation proposals.

The President referred to a precedent during the time of President Patel, when a bill was permitted to be introduced in similar circumstances. He ruled that the Finance Member was in order.

Sir Jeremy Raisman thereupon was allowed to introduce the bill

The House rose till Monday.—A. P.

BUDGET AT A GLANCE

	1940-41 (in lakhs of rupees)	1941-42 (in lakhs of rupees)
Total Expenditure	1,12,13	1,26,85
Total Revenue	1,03,71	1,06,39
Deficit	8,42	20,46

NEW TAXATION PROPOSALS

	(in lakhs of rupees)
(1) Yield from E. P. Tax increased from 50 per cent to 66 2/3 per cent	250
(2) Yield from the Central Surcharge on Income Tax and Supertax from 25 per cent to 33 1/3 per cent	190
(3) Yield from doubling the Excise Duty on matches	150
(4) Yield from increased duty on artificial silk yarn and thread	38
(5) Yield from the new Excise Duty of 10 per cent ad-valorem on pneumatic tyres and tubes	35
Total	661
Uncovered deficit to be met by borrowing	13,85

DEFENCE BUDGET

The Defence Budget for 1941-42 amounts to Rs. 84,13 lakhs.

France Rejects Japanese Award

CRISIS IN FAR-EAST: INDO-CHINA TAKES MILITARY PRECAUTIONS

TOKYO, February 28.

"Despite wholesale acceptance of Japan's mediation proposals by the Thailand Government, no reply and no explanation of the delay has reached the Japanese Government from Vichy", states the Domei Agency.

"YES" OR "NO" AND NO NONSENSE

"The Japanese Government expects a clearcut "Yes" or "No" from France to its mediation proposal in the Franco-Thai dispute", declared the spokesman of the Government Information Board at a Press Conference today.

The reply was expected some time to-day, the spokesman added.

Reiterating that Japan's proposal for a settlement was the best compromise that could be reached and was fair and just, the spokesman declared: "Japan strongly insists upon France and Thailand accepting it".

Asked whether Japan had not already received a reply from Vichy and was urging the French Government to reconsider its attitude, the spokesman said there was no truth in that, but admitted that the French Ambassador, M. Arsen Henry, had a long interview yesterday with Mr. Matsuoka.

Although he could not say that Thailand had definitely accepted the Japanese proposal, the spokesman said that Thailand's attitude was very favourable".

He added that the Japanese proposal was the final one and it would not be modified.

Economic negotiations were going on between Japan and France in respect to Indo-China and no difficulty was being experienced in these talks.

No Reply Yet!

Although the Japanese time

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Nehru For Allahabad

DEHRA DUN, Feb. 28.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru left Dehra Dun this morning by train escorted by the police. The destination has not been disclosed but it is presumed that Pandit Nehru has been taken to Allahabad.—A. P.

Sapru-Gandhi Meeting on Page 8.

"REDS" BREAK WITH CHIANG?

CHUNGKING, Feb. 28.

The Chinese Communist Party military authorities have appointed a new Commander, Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff of the new Fourth Army against the orders of the Chinese Central Government, it is learned here.

The Communist representative, Mr. Chowenlai, is still in Chungking and had an interview with Mr. Currie, Head of the United States Economic Mission to China prior to the latter's departure for Washington.

It is hoped here that he will continue the negotiations with the Central Government. The rumours of his arrests are unfounded, it is stated.—Reuter.

CHINESE TROOPS IN BURMA?

CHUNGKING, Feb. 28

A Government spokesman today described as "pure" rumour and absolutely without foundation" a Japanese report from Bangkok that twenty thousand Chinese regulars moved into Burma recently to strengthen the British defences there.—Reuter.

Extraordinary Method Of War Finance

City Reaction To Budget Proposals: New Burdens People Can't Bear

BOMBAY, Friday.

Restrained criticism of the budget proposals made by Sir Jeremy Raisman in the Central Assembly, was expressed in business circles in the city.

While the doubling of the excise duty on matches is roundly condemned as a burden on the poor man, the raising of the Excess Profits tax, it is hoped will fall on those who have obtained big war contracts.

Duty On Matches Not Justified

In an interview to the "Chronicle", Sir Ardeshir Dalal said:—"I think it is sound policy to meet the increased expenditure due to war partly by loans and partly by taxation. At the same time, the very poor taxable capacity of the country has got to be borne in mind and from that point of view, I cannot endorse the doubling of the excise duty on such an essential article of consumption of the poor people as matches"

Burden On Steel & Textiles

A city business magnate on his way to Delhi, interviewed by the Press at the Railway station said that although he had not studied the budget proposals, he thought, on a cursory glance, that the increase in the Excess Profits' Tax would very likely come from those who have obtained big war contracts. As such, the steel and the textile industries might have to bear the burden of this portion of taxation.

With regard to surcharge on income-tax and super-tax with an increase from 25 per cent to 33 1/3 per cent, he stated that such a proposal had been generally anticipated by the business community of Bombay. During war time such taxes were to be naturally expected.

E. P. Tax Justified

Mr. C. P. Bramble, M.L.A., Leader of the Progress group in the Bombay Assembly said:—"It is fair that those who are directly benefited by the war should pay for it and to that extent the increase in Excess Profits tax is justified."

Unnecessarily High

Mr. K. R. P. Shroff, President of the Native Share and Stock Brokers' Association stated in the course of an interview:—"The increase in excess profits tax and income-tax is unnecessarily very high especially when it is remembered that only a small amount in comparison to the total deficit is to be realised out of it, and the rest is to be financed by borrowing. It would have been better if the whole deficit had been financed by loans."

Extraordinary Method

Prof. S. R. Davar characterised the methods proposed for making up the deficit as "drastic" specially because taxation once introduced even under war conditions had a tendency to stick. He further said:—

"I am constrained to say that the raising of the Excess Profits Tax from 50 per cent to 66.2/3 per cent and in addition the increase of the central surcharge on income-tax and super-tax from 25 per cent to 33.1/3 per cent is a heavy burden on the earning capacity of this poor country.

The natural question I may be asked is, how is the war deficit to be met? In reply I would state, as I have already stated before, that the war expenditure must be met from war loans as was done

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STAGGERING INCREASE IN TAXATION

People's Ability To Pay Not Taken Into Account

WHY NOT FINANCE WAR THROUGH LOANS?

"STAGGERING" is how Mr. Hossain Imam characterised the budget proposals, as he came out of the Council of State after listening to Mr. C. E. Jones' statement.

NO GOOD WORD

No member of the Central Legislature has a good word for the proposals. While one member called it a "book-keeper's budget", others feel that the Finance Member is going headlong with adding taxes on the people without any regard to their ability to pay.

Staggering Tax Increase

In fact it is pointed out that during the last twelve years additional taxation had reached the colossal figure of 80 crores. This does not include the new burdens suggested.

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Feb. 28.

"Staggering" was the comment of the Hon. Mr. Hossain Imam as he came out of the Council of State Chamber after presentation of the Budget there. He considered it most indefensible that so large a sum as Rs. 84 crores—an increase of nearly 50 crores over basic normal Budget—should be spent by the Defence Department without the association of Indian opinion in its administration and control. This in his opinion was the main objection to the Budget. He also thought that full benefit from the recent scheme of repatriation of Sterling Securities which, in his estimate, was at least 5 crores had not been included. In his opinion the time had come for Provincial Governments to contribute to the Central Revenues for defence expenditure during the war period by waiving the contributions under the Niemeyer Award. The deficit of five and a half crores disclosed in the current year's revised estimates was as anticipated.

Some members, however, feel that the Finance Member's estimates of 20 crores deficit in the coming year may actually be exceeded owing to the rapid rate at which defence expenditure is increasing.

The general criticism is that the Finance Member is going ahead with additional taxation without regard to the taxable capacity of the people. They feel war expenditure should be met mostly from loans as the burden should be shared also by the coming generation.

Industrialists like Sir Cowasji Jehangir expressed grave doubts about the wisdom of increasing the Excess Profits Tax as it may seriously discourage industrial enterprise.

In the course of a talk Sir Yamin Khan and Sir Ziauddin took exception to the duty on pneumatic tyres and tubes as it will adversely affect motor transport further and make its position more difficult.

There is general opposition to increased duty on matches as it will hit the masses.

The statement made by the Finance Member that the Supply Department costs half a crore is also criticised on the ground that money which should accrue to the tax-payer by charge of commission on orders executed had been needlessly waived.

Many members expressed disappointment at the lack of any constructive policy for securing economy in the cost of general administration. More than one member expressed regret that instead of taking a large view of the problem of war economy and taking bold steps for speeding up industrialization and helping the agricultural population, Sir Jeremy Raisman seemed more anxious to balance the budget by steadily increasing taxation.

"A book-keeper's budget" was what one member said. Another pointed out that during the last twelve years additional taxation had reached the huge total of 80 crores—even excluding what was proposed for the coming year.

Balkan Mystery

British Legation Officer Carrying Documents To Ankara Kidnapped?

ROME, Feb. 28.

An employee in the British Legation at Sofia, it is reported, failed to reach Ankara after leaving Sofia for Istanbul on Monday, according to a Sofia dispatch to the Official Italian News Agency.

The employee, whose name was Grenovich, is said to have been carrying documents to the British Embassy in Ankara.

The dispatch adds that at the request of the British legation the Bulgarian police are inquiring into the case.

NEWS CONFIRMED IN LONDON.

Confirmation has been received in London of the disappearance, presumably by kidnapping, of the British Passport Officer, W. Grenovich, of the Consulate in Sofia, who was on his way by train to Istanbul.

Apparently, he was removed from the train somewhere in the vicinity of the frontier.

The British Minister has made a strenuous protest to the Bulgarian Government insisting on prompt measures to establish the whereabouts of Grenovich and what has happened to him.—Reuter.

Britain Takes Serious View

Mr. Rendel is reported to have visited the Bulgarian Prime Minister, M. Filov, in connection with the mysterious disappearance of Mr. Grenovitch the British passport officer in Sofia.

Although the Bulgarian police have been investigating the mystery for three days now, their efforts to find Grenovitch have been fruitless. British diplomatic circles here take a serious view of the matter. Grenovitch, who left Sofia for Ankara on Monday, was last seen at the Bulgarian frontier station.

LIGHTNING RAID IN STEAMER

RANGOON, Feb. 28.

The preventive officers made a lightning raid in a steamer in the port and seized 50,000 rupees worth of bar gold and arrested one Chinese under the Defence Rules for attempted smuggling of bullion out of Burma.—Reuter.

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NOTICE

THE 26TH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office, Podar Chambers, Parsi Bazar Street, Fort, Bombay, on MONDAY, the 17th March, 1941, at 3-0 P.M. (S.T.) to transact the following business:—
1. To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and Audited Statement of Accounts made upto 30th September, 1940.
2. To declare a dividend.
3. To confirm the election of Mr. Rameshwardas Birla, J.P., as a Director in the vacancy caused by the death of Sir Dossabhoy H. Bhiwandiwala.
4. To appoint a Director in place of the Hon'ble Mr. M. Ct. M. Chidambaram Chettyar who retires from office but is eligible and offers himself for re-election.
5. To appoint a Director in place of Mr. Ramdeo A. Podar who retires from office but is eligible and offers himself for re-election.
6. To appoint Auditors for the ensuing year and fix their remuneration.

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By Order of
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(i) To receive and adopt the audited statement of accounts for the period ending 31st December, 1940.
(ii) To elect Officers and Committee for the ensuing season 1941-42.
(iii) To appoint Auditors and fix their remuneration.
(iv) To transact any other business that the Chairman may place before the meeting.

By Order of the Committee,
E. J. TURNER,
Honorary Secretary.

NOTICE

THE GIBBS HIGH SCHOOL RESERVE FUND

A GENERAL MEETING of Contributors to the above Fund will be held on SUNDAY the 2nd March, 1941, at 6-30 a.m. at Tulsi Building, Khetwadi, to consider the Report and Proposals submitted by the Managing Committee.

M. D. GAITONDE,
S. R. PAI,
Hon. Secretaries & Treasurers.
(14783)

PUELIC NOTICE.

GOVERNMENT LAW COLLEGE, BOMBAY.

TENDERS ARE INVITED for the furniture and fittings requisite for the College from June, 1941. Details can be obtained from the undersigned, between 12 and 3 p. m on week days. The Principal does not undertake to accept the lowest or any tender. Tenderers will have to deposit 5% of the full value of their tender with their applications. The last date for submission of tenders is 15th of March, 1941.

R. P. KARWE,
Registrar,
Government Law College
Bombay.
Government Law College,
Bombay, 27th Feb., 1941.
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ROYAL INDIAN NAVY

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for vacancies for the following.
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Public Notices

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(b) Name of Applicant.
(c) Full address of applicant
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Tenders will be received up to 8-3-41.

Applicants, not already on the Director of Contracts list of approved Contractors must state on their applications, for Tender Forms, the name of their Bankers.

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INDIAN STORES DEPARTMENT.

TENDER NOTICE.

THE CONTROLLER OF PURCHASE, Indian Stores Department, Bombay, invites tenders for the supply of India sheet rubber white vulcanized of sorts and asbestos mill board to the Naval Store Officer, H.M.I.N. Dockyard, Bombay.

Tender forms No. Sy. BH. 4441 may be obtained from him on payment in cash of Rs. 2 per set (not refundable). Tenders will be opened on the 10th March 1941.

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NOTICE.

QUOTATIONS ARE INVITED by the President, Parle-Andheri Municipality for the supply of medicines for the Municipal Dispensary at Vile Parle and will be received by him upto 5-30 P.M. on or before Monday the 17th March, 1941.

Further particulars can be obtained from the Municipal Office at Nehru Road Vile Parle, on working days during office hours.

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Full details should be obtained from the Secretary to the Commission, P.W.D. Secretariat, Bombay. Last date for the receipt of applications on printed prescribed form, (which will be supplied on receipt of an addressed envelope with two-and-a-quarter anna postage stamp and one rupee only in *cash* or by a crossed Indian *Postal* Order in favour of the "Secretary, Bombay-Sind Public Service Commission"): 31st March, 1941.

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ROYAL INDIAN NAVY.

SEALED TENDERS from responsible firms for Making and Repairing Sails, Awnings and other Articles and Sewing up Clothing by contract for the Royal Indian Navy at Bombay, during the period from 1st April, 1941 to 31st March, 1942, will be received upto 4 P.M. (Standard Time) by the Flag Officer Commanding, Royal Indian Navy, in Naval Headquarters, Vithal House (3rd Floor), Mint Road, Bombay, on 10th March 1941.

2. Tender Forms and Instructions to Tenderers can be obtained from Naval Headquarters, Vithal House (3rd Floor), on application.
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Legal Notices

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

SUIT NO. 102 OF 1941

(1) VITHALRAO BHICOBA MULGAOKAR, and (2) KAMALNATH VITHALRAO MULGAOKER, both of Bombay Hindu Inhabitants, residing at Laburnum Road, New Gamdevi, outside the Fort of Bombay for themselves and also on behalf of other creditors of Pheroze Jehangir Dhanbhoora. .. Plaintiffs.

Vs.

(1) Bai JERBAI, widow of Pheroze Jehangir Dhanbhoora of Bombay Parsi Inhabitant residing at Naval House, Parsi Colony, Dadar, outside the Fort of Bombay. (2) SHAVAKSHA PHEROZE DHANBHOORA, and (3) KHORSHED PHEROZE DHANBHOORA, of Bombay Parsi Inhabitants, minors under the age of 18 years by their Guardian-adlitem (4) JEHANGIR MANECKJI DHANBHOORA and (5) BACHOOBAI, wife of Jehangir Maneckji Dhanbhoora, the last two named Parsi Inhabitants, residing at Bulsar .... Defendants.

To,
The Creditors of Pheroze Jehangir Dhanboora .. Deceased.

Notice Under O.I., R. 8 of the Code of Civil Procedure

PURSUANT to the Judge's Order made by the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Somjee on the 22nd day of January, 1941, Notice is hereby given under Order I, Rule 8 of the Code of Civil Procedure that this suit has been filed by the Plaintiffs abovenamed on behalf of themselves and all other creditors of Pheroze Jehangir Dhanbhoora, the deceased abovenamed, against the Defendants abovenamed for the following reliefs:—

(a) That it may be declared that by virtue of the deposit of title deeds made by the said deceased with the Plaintiffs on the 14th June, 1937, the immovable property, situate at Mazagaon and particularly described in Ex., "A" to the plaint is equitably mortgaged or charged with repayment of the sum of Rs. 5,000|- with interest thereon at the rate of 6 per cent per annum till payment, (b) That it may be declared that there is due at the foot of the said equitable mortgage by the estate of the said deceased to the Plaintiffs a sum of Rs. 5,550|- with further interest on Rs. 5,000|- at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from the 14th day of January, 1941, till payment, costs and interest on costs at the rate of 6 per cent per annum till payment, (c) That in default of payment of the said decretal amount by the Defendants 1, 2 and 3 within such time as may be fixed by this Hon'ble Court in that behalf out of the estate of the said deceased come to their hands the said immovable property, situate at Mazagaon and particularly described in Ex. "A" to the plaint may be sold by and under the directions of this Hon'ble Court and the net sale proceeds thereof paid to the Plaintiffs towards satisfaction of the aforesaid decretal amount, (d) That in case of deficiency arising on such sale the amount of such deficiency may be paid out of the other estate of the said deceased come to the hands of Defendants 1, 2 & 3 in due course of administration, (e) That the said estate of the said deceased may be administered by and under the directions of this Honourable Court, (f) That it may be declared that the said immovable property situate at Mazagaon and particularly described in Ex. "A" to the plaint belongs to the estate of the said deceased and that the 4th Defendant has no right, title or interest therein, (g) That it may be declared that the shares of joint stock companies particularly described in Ex. "A" to the plaint belong to the estate of the said deceased and the 5th Defendant has no right, title or interest therein, (h) That for the purposes aforesaid all directions may be given enquiries made, orders passed and accounts taken as may appear necessary to this Hon'ble Court in that behalf, (i) That pending the hearing and final disposal of this suit some fit and proper person may be appointed Receiver to take charge of the estate of the said deceased inclusive of the said immovable property, situate at Mazagaon and the said shares of Joint Stock Companies, belonging to the estate of the said deceased particularly described in Ex. "A" to the plaint with all necessary power under O. XL R.1 of the Code of Civil Procedure, (j) That pending the hearing and final disposal of this suit the Defendants, their servants and agents may be restrained by an order and injunction of this Hon'ble Court from dealing with or disposing of the estate of the said deceased inclusive of the said immovable property situate at Mazagaon and the said shares of Joint Stock Companies, belonging to the estate of the said deceased in any manner whatsoever, (k) That the Defendants or one or more of them may be ordered to pay the Plaintiffs costs of this suit or that the same may be otherwise provided for and (l) That the Plaintiffs may be awarded such further and other reliefs as the nature and circumstances of the case may require.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the hearing of this suit has been fixed for the 19th day of March, 1941.

Dated this 31st day of January, 1941.

Seal of the High Court at Bombay

(Sd) G. G. MAHADEVIA,
Prothonotary & Senior Master.

(Sd) K. K. Dastur,

Dated the 31st day of January, 1941.

Messrs. MADHAVJI & CO.,
Plaintiffs' Attorneys.
(4443)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

Suit No. 1266 of 1938.

Bai NARBADABAI, wife of Ratilal Mohandas Parekh ... Plaintiff.

Vs.

Bai RAKHIABAI, mother of Abdul Kadar Bawla ... Defendant.

PURSUANT to the Decree Absolute for Sale, dated 20th March, 1940, and Judge's Order, dated 6th December, 1940, the following immovable property will be sold by Public Auction by the Commissioner of this Hon'ble Court at his Office in the Court House on FRIDAY, 14th March, 1941, at 4-30 P.M. (S.T.).

PARTICULARS:

ALL THAT piece of land of the Quit and ground rent tenure with buildings thereon at Parel Road, Bhendy Bazar, Bombay, admeasuring 412-1/3rd square yards or thereabouts and bearing Collector's New Nos. 8676 and 8677, New Survey No. 4524, Cadastral Survey No. 4343 of Bhuleshwar Division, Municipal C Ward No. 81 of Street Nos. 596, 598, 600 and 2 and 18.

For further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, application should be made at the Office of the said Commissioner or at the Office of Messrs. BHAISHANKER, KANGA AND GIRDHARLAL, Attorneys for the plaintiff abovenamed at Albert Building, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay.

Dated this 10th day of February, 1941.

(Sd.) ARMAND F. SEQUEIRA.
Commissioner.
4442

NOTICE.

Re: Estate of CAWASJI FARDUNJI BHARUCHA alias CAWASJI FARDUNJI JEEWTA. Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons claiming debts or liabilities affecting the estate of the abovenamed Cawasji Fardunji Bharucha alias Cawasji Fardunji Jeewta, deceased who died at Bombay on or about the 4th day of October, 1940 and Letters of Administration of whose property and credits were granted on the 26th day of February, 1941 by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay to Navrosji Fardunji Bharucha alias Navrosji Fardunji Jeewta are hereby required to send in their claims to the said administrator at the office of Messrs. Nariman and Co., Solicitors, his attorneys, at 109, Mahendra Mansion, Esplanade Road, Fort, within one calendar month from the date hereof at the expiration of which time the said administrator will hand over all the assets to the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice and no claim sent in subsequently will be recognised.

Dated this 1st day of March, 1941.

NARIMAN & CO.,
Attorneys for the Administrator.
4458

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DHARAMSEY DWARKADAS for himself and as the Manager of the joint and undivided Hindu family consisting of himself and his minor sons Mansinh and Ranjitsinh has agreed to sell to our clients the property particulars whereof are given below.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Lalgir Chambers, Tamarind Lane, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

PARTICULARS OF THE PROPERTY

FIRSTLY:—ALL THAT piece or parcel of Khoti land or ground situate at NETWADE in KANDIVLI in the limit of Kasba MALAD, Sub-District of Bandra in Bombay Suburban District and Registration Sub-District of Bandra, containing by admeasurement 3175.96 Sq. Yds. or thereabouts be the same a little more or less and bounded as follows:—that is to say, on or towards the EAST by the property of Dwarkadas Ranchhoddas, on or towards the WEST by Ghodbunder Road, on or towards the NORTH by a passage containing 274.19 Sq. Yds. secondly described and beyond that by the property of Chaturbhuj Kallianji & Ors. and on or towards the SOUTH by the property which originally belonged to Brijkorebai widow of Narandas Ranchhoddas but now belongs to Jamnadas Adukia.

SECONDLY:—ALL THAT the right title and interest of Dharamsey Dwarkadas and his minor sons Mansinh and Ranjitsinh in the Passage adjoining to the above piece of land firstly described situate at NETWADE in KANDIVLI in the limit of Kasba MALAD Sub-District of Bandra in Bombay Suburban District and in the Registration Sub-District of Bandra, containing by admeasurement 274.19 Sq. Yds. or thereabouts which passage is bounded as follows:—on or towards the EAST by the property of Dwarkadas Ranchhoddas, on or towards the WEST by the said Ghodbunder Road, on or towards the NORTH by the property of Chaturbhuj Kallianji & Ors. and on or towards the SOUTH by the property Firstly Described belonging to Dharamsey Dwarkadas and Others.

Dated this 26th day of February, 1941.

HASAN BAXI & CO.
Purchasers' Attorneys.
4456

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

Suit No. 1171 of 1936.

WALJI PURSHOTTAM and Another .....Plaintiffs

Versus.

VASANJI NARANJI ..Defendant.

PURSUANT to Order for sale dated 6th March, 1940, the following immovable property will be sold by Public Auction by the Commissioner of this Honourable Court at his Office in the Court House on MONDAY, 17th MARCH 1941, at 3-30 p.m. (S. T.).

PARTICULARS.

All those pieces of agricultural and garden land at Mouje Eksar (near Borivli) Taluka South Salsette and Bombay Suburban District admeasuring 9 Acres and 17-3|4 Gunthas and Akar Rs. 79-4-3 bearing Survey Nos. 97, 205, 207, 208.

For further particulars and conditions of sale application should be made at the Office of the said COMMISSIONER or at the office of Messrs. PANDIA AND COMPANY, Attorneys for the Plaintiffs abovenamed at No. 121 Medows Street, Fort, Bombay.

Dated this 20th day of January, 1941.

ARMAND F. SEQUEIRA,
Commissioner.
4439

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CALCUTTA

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On The Air

SATURDAY, MARCH 1.

Delhi I—Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

6 p.m. Dilip Chandra Vedi. 6-20 Abdul Ghani. 6-30 Umra Zia Begam. 6-45 Nazar Mohammad: Sarangi. 6-15 Abdush Shakur. 6-30 Raftar-i-Zamana: Weekly review of current events in Hindustani. 6-45 M. Aslam. 7 For Villagers only. 7-45 Nazar Mohammad, Sarangi. 8 Qahira ki Ek Sham: Play in Hindustani. 8-30 Berlin ki Khabren: Fortnightly review in Hindustani, relay from Lahore. 8-45 Umra Zia Begam. 9-45 Dilip Chandra Vedi. 10-5 Haidar Husain: Sitar. 10-25 Umra Zia Begam.

Bombay I & II Programmes

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)
41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

8 a.m. Musical prelude. 8-5 News in Marathi. 8-15 News in Gujarati. 8-25 Indian music. 8-40 News inHindustani. 8-50 News in English. 9 to 9-50 As in Delhi 2. 9-50 A. R. P. Talk.

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)
31.4 metres (9,550 kc/s)

11-30 a.m. to 12-57 p.m. As in Delhi 2. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 to 1-30 As in Delhi 2. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 to 2 As in Delhi 2.

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)
61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)

From 7-30 Bombay 2 will operate on 89.15 metres (3,365 kc/s).

5 p.m. To-morrow. 5-5 Indian music. 5-25 News in Marathi. 5-30 News in Gujarati. 5-35 Indian music. 6 News in English. 6-5 News in Hindustani. 6-10 Indian music. 7 to 7-30 As in Delhi 2. 7-30 Commercial news. 7-45 Indian music. 7-55 News in Gujarati. 8-25 to 8-30 As in Delhi 2. 8-30 Berlin ki Khabren: Talk in Hindustani relayed from Lahore. 8-45 to 9 As in Delhi 2. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C News relay. 10 to 10-45 As in Delhi 2.

Calcutta I—Programme

370.4 metres (810 kc/s)

(Add 24 minutes to all timings for Calcutta time).

5 p.m. Suva Guha Thakurta. 5-10 Haridas Banerjee. 5-20 Suva Guha Thakurta. 5-25 Haridas Banerjee. 5-35 Amaresh Lahiri. 6-5 Uttara Devi. 6-15 Ram Ch. Mohanta: Violin. 6-20 For the rural and industrial areas. 7 Dakshina Mohon Tagore: Tarit Veena. 7-15 Uttara Devi. 7-30 Mahadev Addy. 7-50 Sunil Kumar Ghose: Rabindra Sangeet. 8 Geetiratnahar. 9 F. Sanderson: Piano. 10 Dance music relayed from Great Eastern Hotel.

Hyderabad Programme

411 metres (730 kc/s)

7-30 to 7-45 p.m. For Children: Indian States (No. 5) Travancore—By Mr. Mustafa Akbar; (2) Bazar—A talk. 7-45 Story of the Moosi, by Mr. A. M. Siddiqi.

B. B. C. Programme

(W.L. 3 50 a.m. to 10-5 31.55m. and 49.10m. 6 p.m. to 8-15 25.53m. and 7-30 to 10 31.55m. and 49.10m.)

16-25 Programme. 16-30 News. 16-45 Democracy Marches, by Prof. J. Huxley. 17-00 Calling British Forces in Far East: Music and Messages. 17-30 B. B. C. Orch. 17-45 J. Dickson Car Thriller: Speak of Devil. 18-15 Van Phillip's Orch. 18-30 News. 18-45 Questions of Hour. 19-15 A. Sandler Orch. 18-25 Prog. 19-30 Music Hall with J. Allen, T. Layton, Beatrice Lillie. (19-30 to 20-00 Hind. Prog. on GSP and GRV—News and prog.) 20-00 to 20-30 Hind. Prog. on GSP and GRU—Prog. English-speaking listeners. 20-30 Books and People, by W. Holt. 20-45 Music of Britain. 21-00 Dialogue: He wanted a Pear Tree. 21-30 News. 21-45 Questions of Hour.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE
G. I. P. Railway.

	Arr. H.M.	Dep. H.M.
Madras Mail	6 00	22 60
Peshawar Express	6-15	22-45
Calcutta Mail (via Nagpur)	8-55	18-10
Calcutta Mail (via Chhoeki)	9-30	20-15
Madras Express	10 15	14 30
Poona Mail	10 30	17 30
Punjab Mail	12 30	17 40
Nagpur Express	15-00	21-00
Poona Express	15 30	08 05
Allahabad Express	20 25	07 00
Poona Fast Passenger	21 45	12 10

B. B. & C. I. Railway.
(Arrivals at and Departures from Bombay Central.)

	Arr. H.M.	Dep. H.M.
Ahmedabad Passenger	5 35	13 05
Delhi Express	6 00	22 15
Gujarat Mail	6 45	22 00
Kathiawar Mail	7 25	21 30
Frontier Mail	8 15	21 15
	(Mon)	(Sat)
The Flying Ranee, Bulsar	*9 15	15 30
The Flying Ranee, Surat	*9 48	to 10
The Flying Ranee, Surat (Except Monday)	10 58	00 00
The Flying Ranee, Surat (Except Saturday)	00 00	18 05
Ahmedabad Passenger	14 15	22 30
Kathiawar Express	15 05	8 45
Baroda Passenger	20 48	9 00

*If Monday is a Bank Holiday, these trains will run on Tuesday

SHIPPING NEWS.

IMPORTS

Bombay: Feb. 28.

594 bdls craft paper, 825 bdls packing paper, 749 bdls Hickory lumber, 362 bdls steel tees, 880 bdls steel angles, 1634 bdls steel sheet, 23335 bdls hoops steel, 408 coils steel wire, 3200 reel barb wire, 1483 kegs wire nails, 246 dms corn syrup, 187 dms wood rosin, 402 cts hard board, 1263 rolls wrapping paper, 557 pkgs timber, 55 bags shuttle blocks, 375 bags ground clay, 1517 bags sulphur, 6065 bags carbon black, 20 bls cotton pcegoods, 80 bls binder twine, 680 bls cotton.

EXPORTS

Bombay: Feb. 28.

100 bls raw cotton Podar Trading Co Ltd; 22 bls raw cow hides Faiz and Co; 800 bls raw cotton Kilachand Devchand and Co Ltd 100 bls cotton grey yarn Textile Export Ltd 176 bls cotton yarn Keshavji Virji and Co 25 bls cotton G M twist R E Ani; 77 bls cotton pcegoods Raili Bros Ltd; 364 bags psyllium husk D Abraham and Sons; 2057 bls crude talc ground D Abraham and Sons 26 bls old buffalo pickers Ideal Overseas Exporting Agency; 100 bdls cloves C Chunilal and Co; 112 bdls cloves Veljee Kalidass and Son; 45 bls cotton pcegoods C Damodardas; 102 bls cotton pcegoods E D Sassoon and Co Ltd; 75 bls cotton pcegoods Italindia Cotton Co Ltd; 20 bls cotton pcegoods Manekial B Shah; 19 bls cotton pcegoods Textile Export Ltd; 18 bls cotton yarn Permanand Khiaram; 225 bls grey cotton yarn Sassoon J David and Co Ltd; 25 bls cotton grey yarn R Bhikhabhai; 243 bls cotton grey yarn Chhaganlal Kastoorchand; 15 bls staple fibre yarn Chhaganlal Kastoorchand; 21 bls grey cotton yarn E D Sassoon and Co Ltd; 240 bls raw cotton S R Tulshan and Co Ltd; 36 bls raw cotton Suleman and Co Ltd; 925 bags cumin seed Gorakharam Gokalchand; 600 bags dill seed Gorakharam Gokalchand; 950 bls raw cotton G K Kaisha Ltd; 40 bls cotton pcegoods G N Musry; 25 bdls staple fibre yarn V Dolatram and Sons 83 bags gum B C Buhariwala and Co; 37 c/s brassware The American Express Co; 13 bls win carpets and rugs Fleming Shaw and Co Ltd.

Bankhead Bill Before Senate Agricultural Committee

HEDGING AND LIQUIDATION ON N. Y. COTTON EXCHANGE

Liverpool Market Featureless

Bombay, Feb 28

The attention of the New York cotton market was focussed on Thursday on Senate Agricultural Committee hearing on the Bankhead Bill. We have already published the text of the Bill which favours cent per cent parity Loans and reduction in American cotton crop to 10 million bales. The State officials have not disclosed their attitude and nothing is known about the final decision on the Bill.

NEW YORK MARKET

The Commodity Credit Corporation reports correction of loan cotton pledges as 3,005,000 bales and not 3,305,000 bales. The New York cotton market opened steady. There was trade covering and price-fixing in nears which met further scale-up March long liquidation and Southern offerings. New crop months were neglected. Finally hedge selling and liquidation appeared and the market closed barely steady. The market opened at about the highest level of the day at a rise of 3 points with May quoted 10.43. There was steady selling and May declined to 10.35 which was the lowest reached. The market closed at a net decline of 1 to 6 points. Spot cotton prices closed one point lower at 10.90c. per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was quiet with long liquidation and closed at a net decline of 4 to 8 points. Spot cotton prices declined 4 points at 10.42c. per lb.

LIVERPOOL MARKET

The Liverpool cotton market opened at a rise of one point with March 8.30. The market was idle awaiting decision of the meeting with the Controller. There was scattered calling and the market closed unchanged. Middling American Spot cotton prices were raised 9 points at 8.65d. per lb.

Egyptian cotton section was quiet and both Uppers and Giza futures closed one point down.

PRIVATE CABLES—

New York May highest (10 a.m.)	10.43+03
New York May lowest (3 p.m.)	10.35—06
Liverpool May highest	8.30
Liverpool May lowest	8.30

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co Ltd have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:

Liverpool: Market narrow and featureless. Closed barely steady.

NEW YORK COTTON

	New York, Feb 27
March	10.39—01
May	10.35—05
July	10.25—05
October	9.86—05
December	9.85—05
January	9.82—05
Middling Spot	10.90—01

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

	New York, Feb 27
March	10.47—05
May	10.42—04
July	10.31—05
October	9.92—06
December	9.88—07
January	9.83—08
Middling Spot	10.42—04

NEW YORK COTTON

	New York, Feb 27 11 a.m. ranges	Noon call
March	10.43	10.42
May	10.41	10.39

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTICS

	New York, Feb 27
Day's receipts at all U S Ports	7,000 bales
Day's exports to Great Britain	nil
Day's exports to the Continent	nil
Day's exports to China & Japan	nil

LIVERPOOL COTTON

	Liverpool, Feb 27
March	8.29
May	8.30
July	8.31
October	8.25
December	8.22
Middling Spot	8.65+09

11 A. M. QUOTATIONS

March	8.29

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, Feb 28

Following a decline of 6 points in New York cotton futures, the local market was expected to open at Rs. 184 for Broach A/M delivery but the market opened steady at Rs. 184/4 and improved to Rs. 185 under small buying. Later on the improvement was checked by scattered selling and the market steadied at Rs. 184/12.

Liverpool opened unchanged and on the local market Broach advanced to Rs. 186. At this level there was increased selling on reports from the East and prices declined to Rs. 183/12. The market was to remain open upto 6-30 p.m. for Budget and quotations at 5 p.m. were as under:—

F G M G BROACH—			
April/May	Rs.	183	12 0
July/August		186	8 0
FINE M G OOMRA—			
March		141	8 0
May		144	0 0
July		146	12 0
F G M G BENGAL—			
March		116	0 0
May		118	8 0

At the close of to-day's session Broach was quoted as under:—

April/May	Rs. 185/4
July/August	Rs. 187/0

COTTON ROOM RATES

Bombay, Feb 28

	Extra Sprfine	Sup	Fine	FG	Good
M G Bengal U P	122	120	118	116	
M G Punjab	122	120	118	116	
M G Rajputana	129	127	125	123	
M G Oomra No. 3	149	146	143	140	
M G C P No. 1	171	168	165	162	
M G C P No 2	156	153	150	137	
M G Broach No. 2	209	206	203	200	

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS.

Bombay, Feb 28

Approx quotations	Ready	Delivery contract
Bengal Fine	118-21	
Berar	138-45	
C. P. 1	166-70	
C. P. 2	148-53	
Khandesh	118-25	
Mugtai	129-31	Mar.
Broach		+8
Punjab S.G. 289F	310-15	
Punjab R.G. 289F	285-90	
Punjab R.G. 4F	225-30	

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES.

Bombay, Feb 28

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY OF INDIAN COTTON

In full-pressed bales	Since 1st Sept Yesterday.	This year	Last year
Khandesh	449	86,197	48,294
Central India	3,090	100,929	68,385
Barsi and Nagar	829	79,846	102,781
Hyderabad/Gaorani	.....	26,582	40,293
Berar	3,145	271,025	243,845
Central Provinces	706	55,903	57,448
Total Oomras	8,219	620,482	561,046
Dholeras	1,653	45,355	41,456
N W Provinces	.....	1,152	21,801
Rajputana	175	4,480	24,410
Sind-Punjab	7,202	351,409	286,497
Broach	721	22,342	142,647
Coompta & Dharwar	100	30,973	14,913
Westerns-Northerns	370	31,591	16,654
Cocoanada	.....	239	50
Tinnevelly & Cambodia	.....	522	1,309
Total	18,340	1,108,545	1,110,783
Arrived by road to 20th February 1941	.....	157,250	194,358

AMERICAN COTTON FIGURES.

	1940-41	1939-40
Receipts to date 26-2-41	2899000	6393000
Receipts yesterday 26-2-41	1000	17000
Export to date 26-2-41	717000	4855000
Stock at Ports 21-2-41	3491000	2978000
Stock at Interior Towns 21-2-41	3171000	2840000
Stock at Liverpool 21-2-41	.....	.....
Visible Supply 21-2-41	.....	.....
Quantity in sight 21-2-41	8736000	11335000
Quantity out of sight 21-2-41	.....	.....

TEJI MANDI PREMIUMS.

Bombay, Feb 28

Wheat	May	0	4 0
Linseed	May	0	5 6
Groundnut	May	1	10 0
Castorseed	May	2	0 0
Cottonseed	May	0	15 0
Silver	1st settlement	0	14 0
Silver	2nd settlement	1	7 0
Gold	1st settlement	0	12 0
Gold	2nd settlement	1	5 0

LONDON RUBBER

London, Feb 27

Smoked sheets standard ribbed per lb	13 1/4

GOLD & SILVER

Bombay, Feb 28

Yesterday London gold was unchanged at £8-8-0. Dollar Sterling Cross rate was 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2 at London and 4.03 3/4 at New York. London Spot and forward quotations were unchanged at 23 7/16d. and 23 5/16d respectively. The market was steady but idle after fixing. New York Spot silver was unchanged at 34 3/4 cents and Shanghai T T on London was quoted 3 13/32. London Bombay Spot silver parity was Rs. 62-8-0 and forward parity was Rs. 62-3-6. The local market was again active with speculative business in gold which after advancing to Rs. 44/5 declined to Rs. 43/14 and steadied at Rs. 44/15. Silver was quietly steady with a limited business.

GOLD	
Ready	Rs. 43 8 0
Fagan	43 9 0
Sovereigns	29 8 0
SILVER	
Ready	63 3 0
Fagan	62 13 0

LONDON SILVER

	London, Feb 27
Spot	23 7/16
Forward	23 5/16

LONDON GOLD

	London, Feb 27
Gold Bars Fine per oz	£8-8-0

BOMBAY METALS

Yellow metal sheets	Rs. 70 0 0
Copper sheets	Rs. 79 0 0

Tone:—Steady.

PRECIOUS METALS

The following are the weekly quotations for the Precious metals:

Platinum 100 per cent Rs. 68 per tola Elephant Brand.

Platinum 97 per cent Rs. 67 per tola Elephant Brand.

Platinum 25 per cent Rs. 20 per tola Anchor Brand.

Palladium 100 per cent Rs. 50 per tola

Iridium 100 per cent Rs. 200 per tola

Osmium 100 per cent Rs. 70 per tola

Ruthenium 100 per cent Rs. 90 per tola

Rhodium 100 per cent Rs. 250 per tola

PEPPER & GINGER

Bombay, Feb 28

The Pepper and Ginger Merchants' Association, Ltd.:—

Pepper ready Alleppey per candy	Rs.	78	0 0
Pepper Chaitra Sud 15 per candy		78	12 0
Pepper Jeth Sud 15 per candy		81	0 0
Ginger bleached per cwt		15	0 0
Ginger Chaitra Sud per cwt		13	4 0
Ginger Vaishakh Sud 15 per cwt		13	8 0

SUGAR MARKET

Bombay, Feb 28

Fine White Java sugar per cwt:—

Shipment December Rs. 9-2-0 F B H

Shipment March Rs. 9-6-0 F B H

Indian sugars ready:

Ready (ordinary) Rs. 14-4-0 to 14-8-0

Ready (large grain) Rs. 14-9-0 to 15-10-0

Tone:—Steady.

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, Feb 27

Broach A/M highest 187 1/4 lowest 185 closing 185

Broach J/A highest 189 3/4 lowest 188 closing 188

Oomra March highest 147 lowest 143 1/2 closing 143 1/2

Oomra May highest 149 1/4 lowest 145 3/4 closing 145 3/4

Oomra July highest 151 3/4 lowest 148 1/4 closing 148 1/4

Bengal March highest 120 1/2 lowest 117 3/4 closing 117 3/4

Bengal May highest 121 3/4 lowest 119 closing 119

EGYPTIAN COTTON

Liverpool, Feb 27

UPPERS:—	
Spot	11.13—0
March	10.42—1
May	10.43—1
July	10.44—1
November	10.39—1
GIZA NO. 2:—	
Spot	12.07—1
March	11.07—1
May	11.06—1
July	11.02—1
November	11.04—1

COTTON PARITY

Broach A/M below penny points at 1/6	Liverpool	May	408
Broach J/A below penny points at 1/6	Liverpool	July	401
Broach A/M below cent points at 331	New York	May	326
Broach J/A below cent points at 331	New York	July	306

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, Feb 28

The market continued strong to-day with the prices in general showing a further improvement. Tata Deferreds opened at 1930 and advanced to 1945, closing finally at 1940 while Tata Ordinaries improved from 381-8 to 384 but stood at 382-8 at the close. In the textile section Bombay Dyeings were again somewhat better at 1070. Indian Irons improved to 31-5.

The following were the important quotations on the Exchange, to-day:

Tata Deferreds (1935) 1930 45 40

Tata Ordinaries (382) 381-8 84 81-8 82-8

Bombay Dyeings (1065) 1065 70 67-8 70

Tata Ordinary 382/8; Tata Deferred 1940; Indian Iron 31/5; Bombay Dyeing 1070; Century 372/8; Central India 295; Kohinoor 415; Associated Cement 140/8; Bombay Burma 517/8; Scindia Steam 21/2; Tata Hydro 181/14; Reserve Bank 106; Imperial Bank F P 1562/8; Central Bank 43/12; Bank of India 143/12; 3 1/2 per cent Paper 94/10.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

Bombay, Feb. 28.

2 3/4 per cent 1948/52 Loan 96-12

3 1/2 per cent G P Note 94-12

3 per cent 1941 Bonds 100-15

3 per cent 1951/54 Bonds 98-14

3 per cent 1963/65 Loan 94-4

3 1/2 per cent 1947/50 Loan 102-2

4 per cent 1960/70 Loan 107-15

4 per cent 1943 Bonds 104-8

2per cent War Bonds 100-13

4 1/2 per cent 1955/65 Loan 113-4

TAX FREE LOANS

5 per cent 1945/55 Loan 112-0

4 per cent 1953/65 Mysore 115-6

5 per cent 1955 Mysore 125

CORPORATION DEBENTURES

4 per cent B P T 1947 108-0

4 per cent M Deb 1974 107-12

5 per cent M Deb 1959 116

6 per cent M Deb 1954 128

6 per cent K P T 1956 128

Tone:—Quietly steady.

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, Feb 28

LONDON:—

B C. RATES:—

T T D D 1/5 15/16 to 27th August

Bank's selling T T D D 1/5 31/32 to 27th Aug.

Bank's buying T T 1/6 1/32 to 27th Aug.

Bank's buying D D 1/6 3/32 One month

Bank's buying 3 months 1/6 7/32 One month

Bank's buying 3 months 1/6 1/4 two months

NEW YORK:—

Bank's selling T T 339 3/4

Bank's buying T T 339 3/4

Bank's buying D D 338

JAPAN:—

Bank's selling T T 81 1/4 nominal.

Bank's buying T T 77 nominal

Bank's buying 60 days 76 1/4 nominal

JAVA:—

Bank's selling D D 85 3/4

HONGKONG:—

Bank's selling D D 85 1/4

SHANGHAI—

Bank's selling D D 21

SINGAPORE:—

Bank's selling D D 157 3/4

CROSS RATES:—

Hongkong London 1/3 1/32 28th inst.

Shanghai London 0/3 19/32 28th inst.

New York London 4.03 3/4 27th inst.

London Java 7.58/62 27th inst

London New York 4.02 1/2—3 1/2 27th inst.

London Switzerland 17.30/40 27th inst.

London Stockholm 16.85/95 27th inst.

London Japan 1/2 1/2 27th inst.

London Canada 4.43/47 27th inst.

Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Quiet near. Steady forward.

Gold £8-8-0 27th inst.

Silver London Ready 23 7/16 27th inst.

Silver London Forward 23 5/16 27th inst.

Silver New York Ready 34 3/4 26th inst.

London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent 27th inst.

London Discounts 6 months 1 1/4 per cent 27th inst.

Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.

Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.

Money:—Call amendable.

4 months 1/2 per cent.

6 months 3/4 per cent

Tone: Very easy

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, Feb 27

The stock exchange displayed a brighter tendency and most markets were firm. Among Giltedged War Loan advanced to 103 9/16, while there were several good features in industrials, notably breweries also cable-wireless 56 1/2 against 54 1/2. Oils tended higher, shells 43 penny 1/2 penny against 41 10d half penny.

Kaffirs and Coppers were firm on cape buying. Home Rails were irregular while Japanese bonds recovered further ten shillings to thirty shillings.

Wall Street narrowly irregular.

BANK OF ENGLAND WEEKLY RETURNS

London, Feb 27

	This week
Total bullion	£ 1,600,000
Public deposits	14,600,000
(a) Other deposits	174,700,000
Government securities	156,400,000
(b) Other securities	32,700,000
Notes and coin	28,400,000
Notes in circulation	603,200,000
Ratio of reserve to liabilities	14.90 p.c.
(a) Other deposits include bankers	121,700,000
(b) Other securities include discounts	3,700,000
Total deposits	189,300,000
Total securities	179,100,000

BOMBAY YARN QUOTATIONS.

HEDGE CONTRACT RATES

Bombay, Feb 28

Yarn No. 6 1/2s February 126 April 127 June 128

Yarn No. 10 1/2s February 147 April 146 June 146

Yarn No. 20 1/2s February 188 1/2 April 191 1/2 June 194 1/2

Yarn No. 40s February 280 April 284 June 285.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, Feb 27

Rupee paper 3 1/2 per cent	£70 1/2
Indian stocks 3 per cent 1948	£87
Indian stocks 3 1/2 per cent 1931 or later	£99
Consols 2 1/2 per cent	£77 3/8
Conversion loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961	£102 3/4
War loan 3 1/2 per cent	£103 1/2
Funding loan 4 per cent 1960/90	£113 5/8
Victory bonds 4 per cent	£110 7/8
Chartered Bank of I A and China	£7 7/8
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (London Register)	£73
National Bank of India	£32 1/4

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, Feb 27

T T London on:—	
New York	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
Madrid	40.50
Montreal	4.43/4.47
Berne	17.30/17.40
Stockholm	16.85/16.95

Share Bazar Rules Very Steady

EARLY IMPROVEMENT MEETS SMALL REALISING

Market Ready To Receive Budget

Bombay, Feb 28

The action of the local share bazar clearly indicates that the Budget will not be unfavourable particularly to the industrial progress. This belief was accompanied by further sustained buying in active shares which reached new high levels for Tata Steel shares.

However, the wide gap between cash and forward quotations points out accumulation of weak long interest in the forward section. It is true that this disparity is responsible to some extent owing to ban on short sales. Under such a state and further smart rise may influence realising and the market is likely to witness a natural downward reaction.

A revival of pessimism over labour outlook and uninspiring war news caused some cashing in on the Wall Street market on Thursday and the sidelining to await possible Washington action to prevent further disruption of defence work. U. S. Steel shares closed 1/2 lower at 69 1/4 and Anaconda Copper Mining shares closed 1/8 down at 23 7/8 dollars.

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ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE.

Bombay, Feb 28

Bombay Dyeing (1106/4) 1106 1112 1108 1115 1110

Century (381) 384 389 385 387

Central India (306/4) 307 310 309 308

Kohinoor (420) 420 426 425 425 433

New Great (435) 435 442 438 439

Simplex (108) 108 107/8 109 108/8

Swadeshi (282) 282 287 285

Associated Cement (144/4) 144/4 145 145/8 144/8 144/4

Andhra (1850) 1820 Cash

Tram Ord (135) 134/8 Cash

Tata Hydro (187) 186 187

Tata Power (1625) 1630 1627 1620 1612

T Steel Defd (2006/4) 1997 2005 2002 2020 2007 2015 2007 2010

T Steel Ord (389) 389 392 389 391 389 390

Tata Steel 2nd Pref (147/12) 148/4 148

Bellapur (214) 214/8 213/8 213

B Steam (320) 322/8

B Burma (541/4) 534 538 536

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TEXTILE SHARES

Bombay, Feb. 28.

100	Ahm. Advance	272	8
250	BOMBAY DYEING	1110	0
100	CENTURY	387	0
100	CENTRAL INDIA	308	0
100	COLABA	174	0
100	Coorla	105	0
250	David	30	0
250	Dawn	342	8
1	E. D Sassoon Def.	0 9	6
100	FINLAY	185	8
100	GOKAK	214	8
1000	Hindustan	1925	0
100	Indore	61	0
100	Khatao	149	6
100	KOHINOOR	423	0
250	LAXMI	535	0
100	MORARJI	233	0
250	Model	78	8
50	MYSORE X.D.	110	0
200	NEW GREAT	436	0
100	Oosmanshahi	55	0
100	Phoenix	266	0
25	Sassoon Silk	87	0
1000	Sholapur	2790	0
50	SIMPLEX	108	8
100	SWADESHI	285	0
100	SWAN	180	0
500	Vishnu	1305	0
1000	Western	1102	8

BANKS

50-100	BARODA	109	0
25-50	CENTRAL	43	14
500	IMPERIAL	1550	0
125-500	Imp. Contrys.	385	10
50-100	India X.D.	143	12
100	RESERVE BANK	105	0
5	UNION	6	10

CEMENTS

100	ASSOCIATED	144	4

INSURANCE

100	Empire	650	0
15-100	JUPITER	13	8
20	Mercantile	65	8
15-75	NEW INDIA	41	0
200	Oriental	3950	0
10-50	Vulcan	8 4	0

ELECTRIC

100	AHMD. OLD X.D.	177	8
1000	ANDHRA VALLEY	1850	0
10	AJMER	12 1	6
50	BOMBAY TRAM	135	0
100	Bombay Suburban	185	0
10	Broach	14	0
100	Karachi	213	12
100	Poona	21b	0
100	Surat	180	0
100	TATA HYDRO	187	0
1000	TATA POWER	1612	8

RAILWAYS

500	Ahmedabad Prantij X.D.	892	8
100	C. Province	106	0
100	Dhond Baramati	104	4
100	Gujarat X.D.	103	4
100	Mandra Bhon	103	8
100	Pachora Jamner	63	8
100	Sara Sirajgunj	106	8
500	Tapti Valley	665	0

MININGS

9	Burma Corporation	5	3
8sh.	Indian Copper	2 1	0
10	Indian Iron and Steel	31	5
10	SHIVRAJPUR	38	4
30	TATA STEEL DEF.	2010	0
75	TATA STEEL ORD.	390	0
10	Steel Corporation	19	5

MISCELLANEOUS

100	ALCOCK	575	0
10	Air Service	3	4
50	BELAPUR SUGAR	213	0
200	Bombay Safe Dep.	N 590	0
250	BOMBAY STEAM	322	0
125	B. BURMA	541	4
50	B. Burma Cont.	184	6
8sh.	Br. B. Petrol	3 5	6
50	BOMBAY TELEPHONE	88	0
100	IND. BLEACHING	130	0
50	Ind. Invest Trust	47	8
100	Ind. Radio Def.	511	4
100	Indian Radio Ord.	508	12
100	Fort Canning	86	0
30	PREMIER Con.	96	4
15	SCINDIA	21	1
25	Tata Oil	42	2
100	Wimco	195	0

PREFERENCE

7	p.c. Andhra Valley	1533	12
6	p.c. Bombay Steam	310	0
7	p.c. Bom. Tram (T.F.) X.D.	75	8
5	p.c. Central India (T.F.)	632	8
6	1/4 p.c. Prem Const. 1st	118	8
6	1/4 p.c. Prem Const. 2nd	111	12
7	p.c. Tata Hydro	153	2
7	1/2 p.c. Tata Power	1582	8
6	p.c. Tata Steel 1st	213	8
7	1/2 p.c. Tata Steel 2nd	148	0
7	p.c. Vishnu	741	4

DEBENTURES

3	3/4 p.c. Andhra Valley	101	4
6	p.c. Andhra Valley	101	4
4	p.c. Bom. Telephone	51	8
5	p.c. Sholapur	76	4
5	p.c. Tata Hydro	100	4

LONDON SEEDS

London, Feb 27

Wheat Rozario Santa Fe	20/6
Wheat Barletta Russo	not quoted
Wheat South Australian	26/6

DECREASE IN COTTON HEDGING

Broach Crop 20 Per Cent Less Than Last Year

Bombay: Feb. 27.

Messrs. P. Chrystal and Co. have issued the following weekly report:—

Another week of small fluctuations has resulted in a moderate advance in the New York market. With over 11 million bales of the supply of American cotton tied up in the Loan, the New York market has lost much of its interest to the cotton merchant. On declines little cotton is available and on advances the selling of repossessed cotton curbs any rise of consequence. Recently there have been rumours of coming changes in the Loan policy but we doubt the veracity of such. With export markets more or less completely lost, it is possible some attempt may be made to restrict the next crop and bring it down to a quantity equal to internal consumption, which next season might reach ten million bales, which would mean that whatever could be exported would come out of the Loan. Anyway, in the near future we cannot look for much change in values.

We still await details of what is going to happen to the Liverpool market. We fully appreciate the nec

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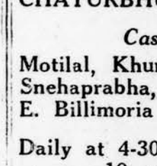

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MAJESTIC

NEW YORK COTTON FIVE POINTS UP

COTTON:

LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICES

JULY 1941

New York: Feb. 28.

Previous closing	10.25
To-day's opening	10.23
Difference	—2
To-day's closing	10.33
Difference	+5

BROACH EXPECTATION

Broach April/May	Rs. 185/0
Broach July/August	Rs. 187/8

LIVERPOOL COTTON

MARCH 1941.

Liverpool: Feb. 28.

Previous closing	8.29
To-day's opening	8.23
Difference	—1
To-day's closing	8.29
Difference	Nil

NEW YORK COTTON

New York: Feb. 28.

New York cotton showed somewhat easier trend following outside uninspiring advices, consequently the trading was moderate with operators showing little aggressiveness.

Trading in July began at 10.23, i.e. two points lower than the last closing. Prices eased under increased March liquidation, but thereafter the pressure subsided although no fresh enquiry appeared as a result of which movements remained very limited.

The following are to-day's opening ranges in New York cotton:—

March (10.44/44) 10.37/37
May (10.43/43) 10.36/36
July (10.32/32) 10.23/23

The following are opening rates on Liverpool cotton market:—

American March (8.30) 8.29
American May (8.31) 8.30
Egyptian Giza March (11.07) 11.08
Egyptian Giza May (11.06) 11.07

LONDON COMMODITIES

London: Feb. 28.

Castorseeds January February unquoted
Linseed Bombay Calcutta February March (£18 9/16 quoted) £18 9/16
Linseed La Plata March (£11 5/16 quoted) £11 5/16 quoted
Groundnuts Coromandal February March (£17 1/4 quoted) £17 1/4

JUTES

Dundee (£43) £43
Lightning (£40) £40

RUBBER

Spot (13 1/2d paid and buyers) 13 5/16d paid and buyers.

EXCHANGES:

CROSS RATES

T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON

New York: Feb. 28.

Previous closing	4.03 3/4
To-day's opening	4.03 3/4

T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK

London: Feb. 28.

Previous closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's opening	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2

T. T. LONDON ON PARIS

London: Feb. 28.

T. T. London on Paris not quoted

LONDON SILVER CABLE

London: Feb. 28.

The following cable was received from London:—

Market quiet and steady.

LONDON SILVER

London: Feb. 28.

Spot (23 7/16d) 23 3/8d —1/16
Forward (23 5/16d) 23 5/16d nil.

LONDON GOLD

London: Feb. 28.

London Gold (£8-8-0) £8-8-0

LONDON EXCHANGES

London: Feb. 28.

London Exchange opened with the sterling dollar at 4.02.50 to 4.03.50 which is officially fixed rate.

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1 6) 1 6
Paris on Bombay not quoted
New York on Milan not quoted
New York on Bombay (30 35) 30.35
London on Shanghai (0-3 1/4 to 0-3 19/32) 0-3 1/4 to 0-3 19/32.
London on Kobe (1-2 to 1 2 1/2) 1-2 to 1-2 1/2

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/4 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/4 to 1 1/4 per cent.
4 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/4 per cent
6 months (1 1/8 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/8 to 1 1/4 per cent

BULLION AND SEEDS

Bombay: Feb. 28.

There was no trading during the night session.

Forward January/March (13 3/16d paid and value) 13 7/16d paid and buyers

LONDON METALS

Tin (£264 1/2 buyers; £265 sellers. Weak) £265 buyers; £266 1/2 sellers. Firm.
Electrolytic Copper (£62) £62
Lead (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No. 3 (131 sh.) 131 sh.

Municipal Hospital Workers' Demands

25 P. C. Dearness Allowance, Eight-Hour Day And Minimum Wage Of Rs. 30

BOMBAY: Friday.

Resolutions asking for a 25 per cent dearness allowance, 8-hour day of work with weekly holiday with pay, minimum salary of Rs. 30 per month, sick, casual and privilege leave with pay, confirmation after a maximum of six months' temporary service and full enquiry before penalising any worker, were passed at the Municipal Hospital Workers' Conference, which was held at Parel to-night.

It was also resolved that in case of enquiries the workers should be given the right to take the help of the Union, and that no worker should be victimised for belonging to the Union.

In order to organise the different hospitals under one union, a committee was formed consisting of Mrs. Ushabai Dange. Messrs. M. Madhavan, S. Pawar, Lobo, G. Govind, Nainsingh, Philip and Vasudeo with powers to co-opt.

Miss Godavaribai Gokhale presided.

Mr. Zuimiram Chaudhary, who opened the Conference, observed that even among workers, the case of the hospital workers was extremely pitiful. They were at the mercy of their superiors. Arbitrary dismissals, reductions and fines were common. There was no appeal and no redress.

He gave instances of dismissals of workers from local hospitals, when the workers protested against doing the house work of their Matrons or doctors.

Messages received from Mr. N. M. Joshi, Mr. S. A. Brelvi and Mr. B. G. Horniman were read at the Conference.

Miss Godavaribai Gokhale, who presided, said that only by their unity could the workers enforce their rights. The history of Europe also showed that the workers could win only by unity.

She strongly criticised the discrimination between the workers and the superior staff in the matter of leave etc. The Corporation which was a popularly elected body could not afford to ignore the rights of the workers.

The demands for leave, allowance, etc., which they had expressed in their resolutions, were very moderate and it would be wisdom to accept them.

TATA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL TO COMBAT CANCER

Governor's Tribute To Founders At Opening Ceremony

This Hospital is the first large contribution of India to the international fight against Cancer", said Sir Roger Lumley, Governor of Bombay, in declaring open the Tata Memorial Hospital, at Parel, on Friday.

Sir Sohrab Saklatwala after welcoming His Excellency said that the Hospital was dedicated to the treatment and study of cancer and allied diseases and their object had been to make it a model of its kind throughout the East.

After dealing with the considerations which persuaded them to start a Cancer Institute instead of a Radium Institute and narrating in brief the history of the project he said that with very few exceptions the hospital staff had been manned almost entirely by Indians. The benefits of the Hospital were not to be restricted to any race or creed.

Dr. John Poole, the First Surgeon, testified that he had never seen a Cancer Hospital with every one of its departments better equipped than this Institution.

Treatment, education and research, he said, were the three spear-heads of the modern offensive against cancer and the Hospital embodied the elements in balanced proportions.

On the clinical side accommodation would be gradually provided upto 100 beds. Treatment would be given without charge to the poor.

The Hospital would also impart training in surgery, radiology, social work, nursing, and laboratory technology.

His Excellency in declaring open the Hospital said that of all the philanthropic projects connected with the name of Tata, this Hospital would attain a greater importance or reflect greater credit on its founders. The figures of the incidence of cancer pointed to the urgency with which the resources of medicine required to be organised in the fight against it.

He was glad that the Trustees of the Sir Dorabji Tata Trust had spared no expense in providing the material equipment for the treatment of disease. As a result, the Hospital was one of the best equipped institutions in the world. The measures which had been taken to ensure a supply of trained men for the future were notably far-sighted. Thus equipped, the Hospital would provide, not only a centre where specialised treatment could be given but also one from which the knowledge of new methods of treatment and diagnosis would go out to doctors and hospitals throughout the country.

He congratulated all who had worked together to bring the Hospital into being, and expressed the hope that its future would be great and far-reaching.

AMERICAN FOOD COMMISSION IN SPAIN

ROME, Feb. 27.

An American Commission which is to distribute the food supplies offered to Spain by the United States Red Cross has arrived at Cadiz with the first load of supplies says a Madrid telegram to the Stefani Agency. This consignment will be shared out between the towns of Cadiz Sevelle and Barcelona.—Reuter

HITLER RECEIVES JAPANESE AMBASSADOR.

BERLIN, Feb. 28.

Hitler received the new Japanese Ambassador, General Oshima, at Berchetesgaden this morning.

Herr Von Ribbentrop was present.—Reuter.

LIGHT SHOWERS IN KASHMIR & PUNJAB HILLS

Poona, Feb 28

A few light showers occurred in Kashmir and Punjab Hills, Srinagar report one inch.

Forecast until the evening of the 1st March: Isolated light showers may occur in Gujarat, West Central India and West Central Provinces. No large change of temperature is expected.—A.P.

COLABA OBSERVATORY, BOMBAY

Summary of Meteorological Observations during 24 hours ending 8 a.m. of 28-2-1941.

Change of 8 a.m. barometer in past 24 hours —.011 inches.

Temperature (dry bulb) at 8 a.m. 76.0 degrees

Temperature (wet bulb) at 8 a.m. 71.8 degrees

Maximum temperature during 24 hours 86.2 degrees (2.1 above normal)

Minimum temperature during 24 hours 70.2 degrees (1.0 above normal)

Relative humidity at 8 a.m. 80 per cent.

Direction of wind at 8 a.m. NNW

Velocity of wind at 8 a.m. 2 miles per hour

Total movement of wind in 24 hours 121 miles

Velocity of maximum gust of wind during 24 hours 16 miles per hour

Extent of cloud at 8 a.m. (the whole sky cloudy eq. 10) 2

Earthquake report: An earthquake shock of slight intensity at its origin about 3,580 miles away was recorded by the seismographs at the Colaba Observatory at 15h. 24m. I.S.T. on Thursday, the 27th February, 1941.

GURUKULA KANGRI ANNIVERSARY

The anniversary of the Gurukula University, Kangri, Hardwar will be celebrated from the 11th April and last till the 14th (both days inclusive).

Admission of new Brahmcharis has begun. Boys of more than nine years of age will not be admitted. An interesting programme of varied nature is under preparation.

YOUTHS' LIT. & DEBATING ASSOCN.

"Socialism is preferable to Gandhism" will be the subject of a public debate in Vanmali Hall premises, Dadar, to-morrow (Sunday), at 9-30 a.m. Mr. R. I. Patel will propose and Mr. Govindbhai J. Patel will oppose. Mr. D. R. Bhise will preside.

FREE ART EXHIBITION

Under the auspices of the Art Society of India the 6th Free Fortnightly Art Exhibition will be held to-morrow (Sunday) at the Society's Hall, Sandhurst House, near Sandhurst Bridge, between 8-30 a.m. to 11-30 a.m. and 3-30 p.m. to 7-30 p.m. Admission free to all.

FREE TREATMENTS

Yogic and natural treatment will be offered to patients suffering from any sort of disease, to-morrow (Sunday) between 6-30 and 10 a.m. (S.T.) in the Ramtirth Yogashram, 448, Sandhurst Road.

NEW MODEL HIGH SCHOOL

The first annual athletic sports of the New Model High School will be held in Nowroji Hill Gardens, adjoining the school, Dongri St., Chinch Bunder, Mandvi, to-morrow (Sunday) at 3 p.m. (S.T.) when Mr. R. Mathalone, Presidency Magistrate, will preside and give away the prizes.

LAW COLLEGE "AT HOME"

An "At Home" was given by the students of the Government Law College, Bombay, in the College Hall to the out-going Professors Gokhale, Banajee and Patwardhan when Principal Faizee, Prof. Mehta and Prof. Shroff were present. Messrs. Cherian Daru and Miss Daver spoke on the occasion.

Jute Restriction Scheme Must Be Suspended

CALCUTTA, Feb. 28.

A demand for the suspension of the jute restriction scheme, undertaken by the Government of Bengal in the current year, was made at a largely attended public meeting held on Shraddhanand Park to-night in observance of the "All Bengal Jute Day," organised by the All Bengal Krishak Proja Samity.

Mr. Shamsuddin Ahmed, leader of the Krishak Proja Party in Opposition in the Bengal Legislative Assembly and an ex-Minister presided, and several opposition members of the legislature addressed the gathering.

The speakers pointed out that they were not against regulation of jute as such, but they maintained that simultaneously with the regulation a minimum price should be fixed. Unless this was done, they observed, mere regulation would not ensure a better price for the cultivator.—A. P.

MYMENSINGH BAN ON "JUTE DAY"

MYMENSINGH, Feb. 27.

Observance of the "Jute Day" has been prohibited here by the promulgation of an order under Section 144 Cr. P.C.

The Assistant Secretary of the District Krishak Proja Samity, who had called upon the District Magistrate for permission to hold a public meeting in the town to observe the "day" and later met the Additional District Magistrate, was informed that no meeting for the purpose would be permitted to be held on the 28th Feb. but that permission might be granted after the 28th to hold meeting for the purpose of ventilating their grievances.—A. P.

Confidence In Churchill

LONDON, Feb. 27.

Mr. Churchill for the first time since he formed his administration, to-day asked the House of Commons for a vote of confidence and received it without even the formality of a division.

He told the House that the debate on the disqualification Bill would be treated as a vote of confidence in the Government. After stating that the whole question of appointments would be considered by a Select Committee, the Prime Minister added:

"Meanwhile let us get on with the war because though one might hardly think of it, there is a war on in which our lives and liberties and wider causes are hanging in the balance."

Some controversy was aroused in the Commons when the House debated the "Two Jobs for Members" Bill officially styled the Commons Disqualification Temporary Provision Bill. The Bill was originally introduced to legalise Mr. Malcolm MacDonald's appointment as High Commissioner for Canada, while Mr. MacDonald retained his seat as Member of Parliament.

The Government insisted on treating a division as a vote of confidence, but eventually the Commons gave the Bill an unanimous reading.

The Bill only lasts for one year and in the interim a Select Committee will seek to clarify the whole position of the Members of Parliament who accept offices of profit.—Reuter.

30TH WEEK

BOMBAY TALKIES'

Bandhan

Daily: 4, 7, 10 p.m.

Sat., Sun., Matinee 1 p.m.

ZENANA SHOW, Tuesday, Thursday, 1 p.m.

ROXY

11 ELEVENTH WEEK

STILL IT IS ATTRACTING The ELITE!

SUBLIME

Story of Sublime LOVE!

NEW THEATRES' SCREEN-FPIC!

"NARTAKI"

Starring:

LEELA DESAI, NAJAM, P. MULLICK

MINERVA

Daily: 4-30, 7-15 & 10 p.m

Sat., Sun. & Holi. at 1-30 p.m.

COLOSSAL — COLOURFUL!

—Colourful story in a Colossal setting of Greek & Roman Empires

PARAGON PICTURES' PROUD PRESENTATION

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Directed by K. M. MULTANI

Starring MANJULA, PRATAP, W. M. KHAN, DAVID, JAMILA & thousands of others

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Bombay & Suburbs

LOCAL ENGAGEMENTS

To-day

Hindu: Phalgun Sud 3, 1997
Muslim: Safar 2, 1360
Parsi: Shehrever 28, 1310
Hightide: 1-45; 14-4
Lowtide: 7-49; 19-45
Sunrise: 6h. 59m.
Sunset: 6h. 45m.

Her Highness the Begum of Janjira has left for Hyderabad as the guest of His Excellency the Prime Minister.

Mr. Fyzee Rahamin has left for Baroda as guest of the State.

SIR J. J. ZARTHOSHTI MADRESSA
At 5-30 p.m. (S.T.) to-day (Saturday) at the Sir J. J. Parsi Benevolent Institution, Hornby Rd., Dastur Dr. M. N. Dhalla will distribute the prizes.

ACADEMY OF ISLAM ZANANA CLUB
Academy of Islam Zanana Club will meet on Saturday, 1st March, at 4 p.m. at Atiya Begum School, 48, Harvey Rd.

S. I. E. SOCIETY'S H. SCHOOL SCOUTS
The investiture ceremony will be held at 5 p.m. (S.T.) to-day (Saturday) at the Indian Gymkhana Grounds (opp. the School, Brahmanwada Rd.) Mr. H. V. R. Iyengar, Financial Secretary to the Government of Bombay, will preside.

BAND AT VICTORIA GARDENS
The Band of St. Mary's High School will play a programme of music at the Victoria Gardens, Byculla, Bombay, to-day (Saturday) commencing from 6 to 8 p.m. (S.T.)

DAVAR'S COLLEGE OF COMMERCE
Annual athletic sports of the Davar's College of Commerce will be held at the Cooperage from 2 to 5 p.m. to-day (Saturday) when all past and present students and their parents, friends and family members are invited to witness the sports.

YOUNG MEN'S HINDU ASSOCIATION
Under the auspices of the Association free Hindi classes according to the curriculum of Rashtrabhasha Prachar Samiti are conducted in the premises of the association, Vithalbhai Patel Road, Girgaum on every Sunday from 7-30 a.m. to 9-30 a.m. New classes will commence from to-morrow (Sunday).

ROHIDAS SUDHARAK MANDAL
Under the auspices of the Rohidas Sudharak Mandal, Mr. B. P. Shinde, Municipal Scout Master, will deliver a lecture on the subject "My trip to Calcutta" to-day (Saturday, at 9 p.m. in the Mandal's library room at Agripada B.I.T. Block No. 23, Jacob Circle, when Dr. G. A. Rane will occupy the chair.

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

CAPITOL—"North-West Mounted Police" Daily 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
REGAL—"The Mark of Zorro" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
METRO—Marx Brothers in "Go West" Daily 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—Menaka Indian Ballet. To-day at 6-30 and 10 p.m.
NEW EMPIRE—"The Great Dictator" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
LAMINGTON—"Pardesi" Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 2 p.m.
PATHE—"Radhika" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
ROXY—"Bandhan" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
WEST END—"Lagna Pahawe Karoon" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and tomorrow at 1-15 p.m.
MINERVA—"Nartaki" Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Narsi Bhagat" Daily at 3, 6-15 and 9-30 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"Madhusudan" Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Raj Nartaki" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Padosi" Daily at 4, 7 and 9-45 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
NOVELTY—"Dharma Bandhan" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Punarmilan" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
CHITRA—"The Unexpected" Daily at 4, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m. Matinee at 1-15 p.m.
EDWARD—"Trust Your Wife" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
HINDMATA—"Sneh Bandhan" Daily at 4-30, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee at 2 p.m.
PALACE—"Pride and Prejudice" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.

MAHILA SEVA MANDAL EXHIBITION
An exhibition of the articles prepared by the students of the Industrial Schools of the Mahila Seva Mandal, conducted by the Social Service League, Bombay, will be held at the Damodar Thackersey Hall, Elphinstone Rd., Parel, Bombay 12. It will be opened by Mrs. Sulochanabai Bhat to-day (Saturday), at 4 p.m. (S.T.) The exhibition will remain open on 28th February, 1st and 2nd March, between 3-30 p.m. and 6-30 p.m. The admission will be free.

GOUD SARASWAT BRAHMIN SABHA
To-day (Saturday) a Hari Katha of "Sita Kalyana" in Kanarese will be performed by Shri Harisarvotamchar in the Sabha's office at 8-30 p.m. (S.T.) To-morrow (Sunday) a debate on "It is wrong to suppose that communal organisations are baneful to the healthy growth of nationalism" will be held in the Sabha's office, when Mr. B. M Shanbhag will preside.

INDIAN SOLDIERS IN EGYPT ON AIR
All-India Radio has made arrangements to broadcast a recorded programme of about 25 minutes' duration by Indian soldiers in Egypt from the Delhi Station. The programme consists of electrical recordings prepared by the Egyptian State Broadcasting Company and contains short talks in Hindustani giving an account of the fall of Sidi Barrani and eye-witness accounts by selected Indian soldiers in Egypt.
The programme will be broadcast from all the four transmitters of Delhi (wave-lengths 338.6 metres, 60.4c metres, 31.3 metres and 25.36 metres) on Sunday, March 2, from 6-15 to 6-40 p.m. (I.S.T.)

RAMAKRISHNA ASHRAM, DADAR
A study class on Kathopanishad will be conducted by Swami Sambuddhananda at 5-30 p.m. to-day (Saturday) at Vivekananda Society premises, 64, Portuguese Church St., Merzeilow Building, Dadar (B.B. and C.I. Rly.)

LECTURE ON VEDANTA PHILOSOPHY
Swami Sambuddhananda of the Ramakrishna Mission, Khar, will deliver a public lecture on Vedanta Philosophy at Batliboi's Accountancy Institute, Prescott Rd., Fort. to-day (Saturday), at 3-30 p.m. (S.T.)

BOMBAY NATIONAL GUARDS
The newly elected Managing Committee will meet to-day (Saturday) at 6-30 p.m. at Anglo-Ayurvedic Clinic, Indira Bhuvan, Sandhurst Bridge. All the members of the B.N.G. are expected to be present at 7 a.m. (S.T.) to-morrow (Sunday) at Congress House, in mufti to attend the weekly parade.

A.-I. MANUFACTURERS' CONFERENCE
To-day (Saturday) morning session commences at 11-30 a.m. at the Shree Sunderbai Hall, Queen's Road (near Central Government Building), Bombay. Afternoon session: 2-30 p.m. to 5-30 p.m.
To-morrow (Sunday) morning session: 11-30 a.m. to 1-30 p.m. Afternoon session: 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Garden Party: 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.
The Jt. Hon. Secretary of the Conference writes:—
The members of the Reception Committee are requested to be at their seats by 11 a.m. to-day (Saturday) and get their badges before this time. The delegates are advised to collect their badges and papers well in advance of the Conference time from the offices of the conference either at Albert Building, 3rd floor, Hornby Rd., Fort, Bombay, or at the Shree Sunderbai Hall, Queen's Rd. (near Central Govt. Building), Bombay.

LATE MRS. NIRMALABAI TALWALKAR
A leading member of the Gandhi Seva Sena, Bombay, writes:—
The members of the Gandhi Seva Sena deeply regret the untimely death of their comrade and co-worker, Smt. Nirmalabai Talwalker. She was an active and an indefatigable worker in the cause of national work and by her cheerful disposition she had endeared herself to all who came in contact with her. In her the Sena has lost a very loyal and ardent worker and the citizens of Bombay can never forget the part played by her in the conduct of the Congress Free Hospital at its inception in 1930.
She was also a member of the Desh Sevi. frock of Kesaria Khaddar with white collar and cuffs. At every Congress Exhibition she was doing her bit at some stall or other.

Mr. Ahmed Ali Noorbhai Retires

Mr. Ahmedali Nurbhai, the Superintendent of Municipal Aided Schools, retired from service on Thursday. Mr. Nurbhai joined municipal service in 1922 as Headmaster of the Urdu Training Class. On the abolition of the training class as then constituted, he became Deputy Superintendent and later Superintendent of Municipal Urdu schools. His period of service in the Urdu Department was marked by numerous necessary and substantial reforms, among which the improvement of method in and the raising of the standard of education in Urdu boys' schools, particularly in the infant classes, which suffered from marked stagnation, and the systematization of school records and registers deserve special mention. In 1933 he was appointed Superintendent of Municipal Aided Schools and Special Attendance Officer (in charge of

Mr. Ahmed Ali Noorbhai Superintendent of Municipal Aided Schools.

compulsory education). Afterwards on account of increase in the work of both these departments, another officer was appointed as "Special Attendance Officer" the Municipal aided schools remaining in charge of Mr. Nurbhai.
When the Schools Committee established Visual Instruction Department in 1925, Mr. Nurbhai was entrusted with it. He continued in charge of both these offices till his retirement from March 1941.

Supdt. Of Aided Schools Entertained By Nigh' School Students

The staff and the students of the Bombay Fort Free Night High School were 'At Home' to Mr. A. Noorbhoy, the Superintendent of Aided Schools, on the occasion of his retirement, on Sunday at Bai Kabibai Hindu High School, Fort, under the presidentship of Mr. K. D. Desai, Principal, Kabibai Hindu High School.
The principal of the school dwelt on the amiable qualities of the guest of honour and expressed the gratitude of the school for the manifold services and encouragements rendered by Mr. Noorbhoy to the institution. He briefly reviewed the history of the rise and growth of the institution since its inception about 24 years ago.
Mr. A. Noorbhoy replying to the toast gave valuable advice to the students and appreciated the free services of the staff. He expressed his thankfulness for the honour done to him and hoped to be of service to the school even after retirement.

BOMBAY WAR GIFTS FUND

Amount previously acknowledged: Rs. 37,88,114/6/7.
For the R.A.F.: Rs. 300 Mr. Donald G. Hill, M.L.A., J.P. (monthly); Messrs. Hill, Son and Knox (monthly). Rs. 68/8 the staff of Messrs. Gilbert-Lodge and Co. (monthly).
For the I.A.F.: Rs. 273/9 the No. 2 M.T. Training Battalion, Deolali, as under: Rs. 110/1 amount collected at a variety show held in the Battalion. Rs. 98 the I.O. Rs. No. 2 M.T. Trg Battalion (7th donation). Rs. 65/8 Share from the rebate received from the Institute Contractor. Rs. 203/4/6 the mill staff of the Simplex Mills Co. Ltd. (monthly). Rs. 72/8 the staff of Messrs. F. and C. Osler, Ltd. (monthly) Rs. 70/13 Contribution from a gathering held on 9-2-41 on the terrace of Sir Shapoorjee Bharucha Bagh—sponsored by Mr Bapu Ardeshir Mistry "Bami." Grand Total: Rs. 37,89,551/1/1.

B. P. NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC UNION CONFERENCE
In deference to request received from a number of important people in Maharashtra, who are busy in the election campaign of Mr. Jamnadas Mehta, the Reception Committee has decided to postpone the National Democratic Union Conference which was to be held in Bombay on 2nd March. The date for the Conference will be fixed later on.
A meeting of the Reception Committee will be held on Monday, 3rd inst. at 7 p.m. at the Servants of India Society's Hall to consider the formation of the Bombay Committee of the National Democratic Union.

UNIVERSITY SENATE ELECTION
Principal R. N. Vakil of Modern School, Bombay, is standing as a candidate (from the Registered Graduates' Constituency) for one of the four seats in the University Senate. The election is to take place in the month of July.

BOMBAY SUBURBAN DEFENCE LOANS COMMITTEE
A benefit performance of feats of strength, science and Yoga in aid of the War Gifts Fund will be given by Dass, M.Sc., at Fidai Boarding House Compound, Ghodbunder Rd., Andheri, to-morrow (Sunday) at 5-30 p.m. Admission: Adults Rs. 2, Re. 1, As. 8 and As. 4. Children half rates.

GITA CLASS
Swami Sambuddhananda of the Ramakrishna Mission, Khar, will conduct the weekly class on Bhagawat Geeta at the Mission Library Hall, Khar Rd., to-morrow (Sunday) at 9 a.m.

DADAR LODGE, T. S.
Under the auspices of the V. B. Dadar Lodge, T.S., Pandit Prem Sarup Kashap will deliver a public lecture at the Lodge premises, next to Sorab Palamkote Hall, Dadar, to-day (Saturday) at 6 p.m. on "Realisation of Self."

"Win The War" Rupee Fund

On Monday, March 3, there is to be an intensive drive for the sale of "Win the War" Rupee Fund tickets when enthusiastic young and old workers will go from house to house and office to office selling the tickets. An amount of Rs. 70,000 has already been collected from the sale of tickets and about 1,00,000 tickets are in the hands of workers and helpers who have already sold thousands and who hope to sell the rest in no time. Only about 30,000 tickets are yet in the safe waiting to be disposed of and it is hoped that as a result of the drive on March 3 and during the War Week between March 16 and March 23, these remaining tickets will be sold out. The closing date has been provisionally fixed for March 31. We sincerely hope the public will come forward and buy tickets which may bring them a fortune and thereby help to swell the War Gifts Fund.

Anti-Gambling Act Amendment

An Act amending the Bombay Prevention of Gambling Act, 1887, enacted by His Excellency the Governor, is published in Thursday's "Bombay Government Gazette."
The object of the amendment is to close a loophole in the original Act revealed by recent decisions of the Bombay High Court. The effect of these decisions was that in the case of a place used for gaming purposes by a person who had no right whatsoever over it or for possession or use of it, the place would not fall under the term, "common gaming house," as defined in the Act and there could be no conviction under section 4(a) of the Act.
The amendment provides a means of checking gambling in the passages and compounds of private buildings.

ANTI-FASCIST MEETINGS
Under the auspices of the Radical Democratic Party an anti-Fascist propaganda meeting will be held to-day (Saturday) at 6 p.m. near Radio Talkies, Crawford Market.

Each, YOUR Favourite
—AND NOW THEY ARE TOGETHER—
RENUKA DEVI, ASHOK KUMAR

IN BOMBAY TALKIES' 'Naya Sansar'
COMING SOON: with a great Cast

TRIBUTES TO RADHIKA

ALL-INDIA HINDU MAHASABHA,
(Head Office: NEW DELHI).
23rd February, 1941.

I saw the picture "RADHIKA" produced by the National Studios, Bombay. The setting is fine and particularly the acting of Nalini Jaywant as Radhika is excellent. The picture inspires devotion and this example will be appreciated by all classes of Hindus. The songs and Bhajans are very touching. I am happy to say that there is nothing objectionable in the picture. It is a picture of high order with a golden message and high ideals; and it is worth witnessing by the Hindu girls. I congratulate the directors of the National Studios Ltd., Bombay, for producing this excellent picture.

General Secretary.

SRI RAMAKRISHNA ASHRAM,
Bombay, 25th February, 1941.

It gave me a joy unspeakable to see the picture of "Radhika" produced by the National Studios Ltd., last evening. Both in its conception and execution it is a marvellous one. It is one of the most sublime and lofty religious pictures that one can come across in the world of mythologies of any faith in India or abroad.
The central theme of the picture rallies round the immortal teaching of Lord Sri Krishna in the Bhagwat Geeta which inculcates every one, irrespective of caste, creed or colour, to perform one's own Swadharma, be he or she a man or woman, a monk or householder. It eloquently demonstrates how the people of different temperament can achieve the highest end of human life by due discharge of one's own religion (Dharma) to which one is born. It is punctuated by a number of devotional songs and Bhajans which are soul stirring
In these days of film-mania I do not find a nobler picture than "Radhika" which can save the young India from the ever-demoralising influence of most of the film productions of the modern age. I heartily congratulate all those concerned with the production of the picture, "Radhika". I fervently hope other film concerns of India will follow suit.

Swami Sambuddhananda
President.

A GREAT PICTURE THAT EVERY INDIAN MUST SEE

Starring:
NALINI JAYWANT, HARISH, JYOTI, KANHAILAL, VEENA KUMARI, SANKATHA PRASAD, SUNALINI DEVI, BHUDO ADVANI.

Directed by
VIRENDRA DESAI

NATIONAL STUDIOS

From 28th February
AT
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3-30, 6-30, 10 P. M.
Saturday, Sunday, at 1 P.M.
Please book your Seats in advance.

BLAVATSKY LODGE,
The Theosophical Society,
Bombay, 24th February, 1941.

I had an opportunity of seeing the picture RADHIKA to-day. It is of a very high order, and from start to finish keeps the audience spellbound and at a high pitch of devotion. As one watches it, one is transported to beautiful scenes of rural India and of her holy places with their sacred shrines, unending pilgrims and their undying spiritual atmosphere. The picture truly portrays the deep and abiding religious devotion in the unsophisticated masses in the country. There is nothing throughout the picture that jars on one's deepest and holiest sentiments; there is no attempt whatever to combine the sublime and the ludicrous. Love is sublimated to a Divine impulse, and one is taught the difference between carnal 'Love' and DIVINE LOVE.
In a country like ours with its great spiritual background with religion inspiring both men and women to lead dedicated and consecrated lives the life of RADHIKA who with single-hearted devotion dedicates herself to the service of God will have an immediate and immense appeal. There is a dignity and restraint in the acting, and that too is typical of true Indian life. RADHIKA will rightly take her place in that small but glorious galaxy of the women saints of India, the Mirabais and the Janabais.
The picture shows once again that to the truly pure in heart no danger can ensue, and that our surest and safest refuge in weal and in woe is God.
I most heartily commend this picture, especially to the young women of our country, and congratulate the Directors of the National Studios and all others concerned in producing this picture of RADHIKA, a picture which is so pure, ennobling and inspiring.

N. V. Tampi.
.. President.

D. K. Dongre,
384, Lamington Road,
Girgaon, Bombay.
25th February, 1941.

I had an opportunity to see the picture "Radhika" produced by the National Studios, I think the picture is the most clean, inspiring and a devotional one I have ever seen.
The picture is a perfect one in all respects specially Bhajans, Songs, scenery and photography.
There is absolutely nothing objectionable in the picture and I am sure the public will whole-heartedly patronize such an ideal and beautiful picture.

Vice-President,
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THROW IT OUT

The Budget estimates of the Government of India for the year 1941-42 and the revised estimates for the year 1940-41 form a dismal story of steadily increasing expenditure on the war and of as steadily growing tax burdens which are being imposed upon her without her duly elected representatives having any control over its administration. The revised estimates for the current year show a deficit of Rs. 8,24 lakhs in spite of the balance of Rs. 7,77 lakhs being available from the surplus of the last year and in spite of the current year's revenue showing an improvement of Rs. 4,21 lakhs. This is due mainly to the increase of the Defence Budget from the basic normal figure of Rs. 36,77 lakhs to Rs. 72,02 lakhs in the current year. As consolation for this huge increase we are told that all arms of India's Defence Services are being strengthened intensively. But the Finance Member has not given figures to show whether Indianisation in the higher military services is satisfactory or not and whether Indians are getting adequate facilities for training as officers. Of the growth of the Royal Indian Navy we are only told vaguely that it "has continued unchecked", that the programme of ship-building in India "has been further expanded", that the recruiting and training of officers and men to man the new construction "is proceeding apace" and that all instructional establishments "have been greatly increased in capacity." We must presume that figures are withheld because they are not quite reassuring to Indians.

Huge Defence Budget

Coming to the next financial year, we note that the Budget shows a huge deficit of Rs. 20,46 lakhs. We do not know whether this is erring on the safe side or an inflation of the normal deficit to justify additional taxes. But in any case a large deficit is inevitable when provision is made in the Budget for increasing the military expenditure from the normal figure of Rs. 36,77 lakhs to Rs. 84,13 lakhs. Be it also noted that the latter figure excludes several items which are included in the civil estimates, such as Rs. 33 lakhs for training the Air Force Reserve and Rs. 93 lakhs for training men for the technical branches of the Defence Services and Ordnance and munitions factories. Finally, the Finance Member has already warned us that the estimates of Defence expenditure for the next year cover "only such specific schemes and measures as are definitely under way or in sight" and that as the Defence plans have to be adopted to meet the changing war situation, "it is impossible to forecast the cost of unforseenable items." We shall not be surprised if the total military expenditure, direct and indirect, in the next year goes beyond Rs. 100 crores, in which case it is no consolation to be told that "the charges borne by His Majesty's Government on account of the supplies and services rendered by India during 1941-42 are expected to be more than double the amount of India's war expenditure." Whatever may be the next year's deficit, Government have decided to cover the Budget figure of Rs. 20,41 lakhs by fresh taxation as well as borrowing. By increasing the Excess Profits Tax from 50 per cent to 66 2/3 per cent by increasing the Central Surcharge on income-tax and super-tax from 25 per cent to 33 1/3 per cent, by doubling the excise duty on matches, by increased duty on artificial silk yarn and thread and by the new excise duty of 10 per cent on pneumatic tyres, the Finance Member expects to get Rs. 6,61 lakhs; and he proposes to meet the uncovered deficit of Rs. 13,85 lakhs by borrowing. Opinions may well vary on the right proportion between taxation and borrowing in meeting war deficits and on the particular methods of taxation. But at a time when the country is already heavily taxed—during the last twelve years there has already been an increase in taxation of over 80 crores—less taxation and more borrowing would be more equitable as that would spread the tax burdens over a longer period and would spare the present generation an unduly heavy burden. Secondly, while the taxes on excess profits and high incomes are the normal methods of financing war and are borne by men capable of bearing unusual burdens, the same cannot be said of the proposed taxes on matches and pneumatic tyres. The former will bear more heavily on the poor than on the rich and the latter will hit the motor service, so important in stimulating traffic in the interior, untraversed by the railways.

Vindicate Self-Respect

Far more important than these details about specific taxes or other methods of financing the war are certain fundamental principles involved in the Budget. Representatives of India have no control over the expenditure of the crores of rupees they are called upon to vote. In presenting the Budget Government say in effect to the people: "Your business is only to pay. It is for us to spend your money as we think fit." This is an unconscionable proposition at any time. It is intolerable now when Indians are making heavy sacrifices and are called upon to make still heavier ones. India would be prepared to make even greater sacrifices, if necessary, if a truly National Government as contemplated in the Poona offer of the Congress were installed at the Centre. Self-respecting Indians should no longer be content with voting supplies without having due and effective control over them. Unless and until that control is conceded the Budget must be thrown out. It is true that Government can, and will, appropriate the supplies without the Legislature's consent. But the people's representatives in the Legislature should be no willing party to it. If they cannot, or would not, do more, they should at least vindicate their self-respect.

Thai-Indo-China Crisis

We suggested the other day that in the Thai-Indo-China dispute Japan was acting as an admirable pupil of Nazi Germany. Whether she will be able to repeat the full achievement of the master is, however, not yet quite clear although we doubt the possibility of failure. While her "award" still remains to be accepted, she has already won her Hungary which is Thailand. And she seems to have done so with good effect. Significant pointers suggest that the extension of her hegemony over Thailand is now only a matter of a few days and a few details. But effectively to establish herself in Thailand, for the dual purpose, that is, of threatening the British and driving South, she must similarly establish herself in French Indo-China too, for, otherwise Thailand will become a grave military liability rather than an asset.

Here, however, has cropped up—at least for the time being—a serious difficulty indeed. French Indo-China, it is reported, has declined to act as Japan's Rumania. This unexpected hitch in an otherwise quite clever strategy has naturally infuriated the Japanese who are threatening Indo-China with all manner of dire consequences. The Japanese cannot afford to have a recalcitrant Indo-China near their main "invasion" base Hainan and thus threatening their drive southwards. They, therefore, mean business. But Indo-China professes to be in no mood to make any further surrender to them as is shown from reports of preparations being made by Admiral Decoux, Vichy, indeed, has gone further and actually declared on Thursday last that "the maximum concessions which France was prepared to make in the Thai-Indo-China peace negotiations had already been stated and France was not prepared to go an inch beyond them, no matter what the consequences." If that is so and if the Japanese ultimatum was given after the offer of these maximum concessions then a conflict is inevitable between Vichy's French-Indo-China and Japan. Such a conflict involving, as it will, France, will open up all sorts of exciting possibilities not only in the Far East but also in Europe. But we doubt if, inspite of brave words, France can stand up to Japan.

Wartime London:

How Damaged Businesses Are Restored

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT)

As Londoners read in their papers forecasts that better weather will come and bring more German bombers in force over London by night, their minds go back to that Wednesday night in September when they first heard the anti-aircraft barrage.

It was a heartening sound—heavy naval and light mobile guns barking up into the sky from every open space in London's 690 square miles. From the hills and ridges surrounding the city, for London lies in a hollow—red bursts of shells could be seen flashing across the horizon for fifty miles.

But proportionate to the effectiveness of the guns was the additional danger of falling splinters. The last four months have proved the saying that "every bit of metal that goes up must come down". On the tops of roofs and in the streets jagged pieces of steel are to be found each morning. But people have evolved ways of protecting themselves and mattresses on top of cars and helmets for all who have to go out at night have reduced casualties to no more than 30 per week.

Since the beginning of the bombing over 800,000 steel helmets have been given to essential workers and since the fire raids a new type is manufactured, giving more protection to the neck, which will be issued to teams of fire-watchers, now numbering over 3,000,000 people in London. In addition several hundred thousand helmets made from strengthened fibre have been sold in shops.

If you can visualise three tons of metal being collected by 200 schoolboys in one district within four weeks, you will understand why Londoners have given up umbrellas for helmets because they keep off splinters as well as rain.

The damage done by direct hits in these raids is relatively infinitesimal. In Oxford street, a main thoroughfare of London, only one building has been completely demolished, but a great number have had their windows smashed by blast or splinters.

The same holds good all over the town: factory-owners and shop-keepers come in in the morning and find a scene of desolation—everything covered with dust, electric and gas fittings broken and water-pipes leaking. Obviously the damage is not serious, but by ordinary standards it would have taken days or weeks to obtain the various experts, (gas, electric and water) and shopfitters and plasterers to do repairs.

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How has Britain got over the difficulty and restored its essential and business services within so short a time?

The original scheme was devised by the Ministry of Aircraft Production to provide lightning repairs in aeroplane factories. Now it has been extended to cover all types of works and stores.

The plan is in keeping with the principles of the co-operative movement first evolved in the town of Rochdale in 1844, which have since spread over the entire surface of the world. It is simple in essence and effective in its working.

Firms in one district join together and from a local reconstruction panel with an office in a room lent by one of the businesses. Each member promises to give absolute priority to orders from another member in the emergency after raid damage. Thus if a wing of one factory is smashed the manager calls up the panel office and reports the incident. Immediately the machinery is put into motion; one member is an architect and he goes to the scene at once. Another, a local builder, promptly sends off a truck of bricks. A third may lend his premises while repairs are carried out; a fourth may restore the damaged firm from its own supply of machine-tools. Each co-operates in the common emergency.

Already there are 125 such reconstruction panels in Britain, entirely voluntary, officials and all, their only capital being invested in tarpaulins to protect plant while repairs are being made.

From this seed taking root throughout the country the Ministry of Works of Buildings has developed logical extensions. There are now stationed at certain points in each province "flying repair columns". The technicians and labourers who man them are quartered by specially assembled dumps of repair material. Lorries are drawn up by the dumps and, as soon as a request comes through from a town or village which has suffered from a raid, the column sets of loaded with material, tools, cranes and shovels and reports to the office of the local reconstruction panel, where it is broken up and dispersed to get to work according to the urgency of various needs.

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There are many changes in the face of wartime Britain. Its men and women carry helmets, its dustmen sweep up shrapnel from the roads. The fronts of its damaged buildings are quickly restored. Fibre from refuse, sugarcane, wood from demolished houses, metal from railings in parks and squares and gardens—all help to restore life to normal.

NEW EMPLOYMENT IN BRITAIN

(BY OSWALD DUTCH.)

Statements issued by the Labour Ministry deal with new employment during 1940. The number of totally unemployed throughout Britain fell by 54 per cent during 1940.

The fall was greatest in North West England, with 69 per cent; London follows with 63 per cent; the Midlands with 62 per cent and North Eastern England with 59 per cent. The fall in Northern Ireland was much smaller at 18 per cent. As a result, negotiations are now proceeding between London and Belfast for the transfer of 70,000 unemployed in the six counties of Northern Ireland into Britain's war industries.

Another figure is of great interest for Britain's war effort. During the last war labour unrest was one of Government's most serious preoccupations. In the present war all classes are so intent on victory that wage disputes have been reduced to unprecedently low levels.

During the five years 1935-39 on an average 1,978,000 working days were lost annually through labour disputes. During 1940 the figure was cut down to 940,000 working days lost. Of this 506,000, or more than half, were due to disputes in the coal industry, which at the moment is by no means one of the essential war industries.

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One of the most remarkable indications of Britain's economic stability and the absence of inflationary tendencies is the steadiness of prices and continued high level of stocks. According to the index figures of the "Statist," wholesale prices in Britain throughout 1940 (December 1939—December 1940) rose by only 11.9 per cent. December 1940 shows an increase of only 1.4 per cent on November 1940, applying chiefly to vegetables which have to be imported from overseas.

The absence of any marked upward tendency is confirmed moreover by more recent figures. Thus while the official cost of living index figure on February 1 was up one point on January 1 owing to the effect of the Purchase Tax in increasing the price of clothing, the figure for food was actually down one point, mainly owing to lower egg prices.

Taking an example from the industrial sphere, wholesale prices for non-ferrous metals at the end of December 1940 were actually lower than for December 1939.

Supplies held in Britain during

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In The Service Of Humanity

By D. F. KARAKA

Of outstanding importance in the life of this country and in the general world of medicine was the opening yesterday of the Tata Memorial Hospital for Cancer. In spite of all the great institutions with which the name of Tata is associated, it will perhaps be with this hospital, dedicated to the service of humanity and to the relief of suffering that this name will be most fondly remembered. It is one thing to speak of Tata Steel and of Tata Hydro, quite another to speak of the word Tata, in terms of those men and women, who will now have a chance of a new lease of life. That blessing is worth more than all the surplus profits of all the Tata firms put together. And when looked at from this angle, one begins to realize the significance of this pioneering effort, the first and best of its kind anywhere in the East.

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As I walked through the long corridors, peeped into the well-furnished rooms, viewed with astonishment the equipment of the operation theatre and looked into the miracle box, which was to hold the grams of radium, I could not help feeling that in spite of what science has done to Europe and to the lives of human beings, who are shattered into smithereens by each new explosive invention, here, at least, in one corner of this great world, a group of unostentatious men had here and to-day dedicated their lives to bring the benefit of science to the poor man's door. It is an achievement of which one feels justly proud

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It is as if we were opening not a mere hospital but a new chapter in their lives, a chapter that told the tale of one out of every twelve men and one out of every eight women in India. That is the statistical estimate of the ravages of cancer, an estimate which frightens us and which makes us face the future with timidity. The Tata Memorial Hospital is in answer to that cry and to those whose last days were spent in the agony of a slow, decaying death. It is the challenge of science and man to this canker in nature.

Such were the feelings that crossed my mind as I stood before this white memorial of concrete, brick and mortar, and paused to pay homage as one would in the holiest of shrines.

Something new, something great, happened to us yesterday and it is only fitting that we should be found willing and ready to recognise it.

British Unions Increase Membership

LONDON.—Increasingly rapid gains in union membership since the beginning of the war are reported by the Trades Union Congress. Following upon a steady rise in membership since 1933, the war has brought a spurt that now carries the total membership figures to more than six and three-quarters million. Although this is still behind the peak membership attained at the end of 1920, when the aggregate of all unions stood at 8,348,000, or almost exactly double what it had been in 1913, the rate of increase during the present war is far more rapid than during the war of 1914-18. Simultaneously with the increase in membership, the number of unions has declined, and the trend has been toward the amalgamation of several unions into one, and for smaller ones into larger. Out of the 1,007 unions in existence at the end of 1939, 13 claim more than half of the total membership. (Nofrontier News Service).

Muslim Holidays

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—I am grateful to you that you voiced a grievance of the Musalmans in regard to the Moharram holiday. But it is really unfortunate that Government did not use its discretionary powers and declare 7th of Feb. as a public holiday in place of the 8th, although there was ample time at its disposal. I, however, hope that Government will in future, pay greater regard to the feelings of Mussalmans in regard to important days like the Moharram

There are three holidays on which Government can easily announce the dates on which they actually fall. They are: "Moharram" (10th of the month), "Id-e-Milad" (12th of the month) and "Id-uz-Zoha" (10th of the month). If the necessary announcement is made, say on the first or the second, even the banks will be able to completely close their concerns which is otherwise impossible for them to do Either the dates on which these three holidays are likely to fall should be left blank in Government diaries or a note should be invariably added that they have been fixed only provisionally and that the exact dates will be announced later on after the visibility of the moon. We Musalmans do not want a sectional holiday for ourselves; what we want is that all should observe that holiday. For, if no announcement is made, courts, for instance, will continue to work and it will not be possible for the Mussalmans to keep themselves away. I hope and trust that Government will willingly undertake this duty in the interests of the people at large and thereby bring the Mussalmans in particular under its obligation.—Yours etc.,

Bombay: Feb. 10. "A MUSLIM."

Frankly Speaking

Lend And Lease Prospects

News from the United States is not altogether gratifying from the British point of view. It appears that opposition to the Lend and Lease Bill is now stronger than ever before and there is actually a move on foot to start "filibuster" in the Senate, that is, to kill the Bill by debating it indefinitely. This move may not be successful, but the Democratic leader, Senator Barkeley himself, seems resigned to unexpected delay in the passage of the Bill. On top of it come reports of the possibility of widespread strikes. Since even the Congress of Industrial Organisations has, according to Sir Walter Citrine, promised full support to Britain, the fault seems to lie not with workers but with employers. The situation is not altogether happy. But President Roosevelt, with his matchless tact and ability, may be expected to prove equal to the difficulties which his programme of aid to Britain is faced with at the moment.

Hitler's Hesitation

While Herr Hitler is still waiting and watching before officially moving into Bulgaria, the British Minister at Sofia has given a necessary, though probably belated, warning of what would happen if Bulgaria surrendered her neutrality. The very fact that the Minister did not consider it undesirable to speak out openly shows that Bulgaria's neutrality is virtually at an end. And it only remains for Herr Hitler to march in. But the occupation of Bulgaria in a drive to Salonika will not be as easy an affair as the Fuhrer would wish it to be. In fact, it is going to be made somewhat hot for him because, for instance, his Rumanian oil fields will become exposed to British bombers. Is that, we wonder, why his military machine has not yet crossed the Danube?

Prince Of Wales Museum

Archaeology, Art and Natural History—the three sections of the Prince of Wales Museum of Western India, continued, as it appears from its report for the year 1939-40, their usual activities. Additional financial help, especially from the Government of Bombay, for the development of the educational scope of the museum is not forthcoming. Certain important conclusions, including a recommendation for the appointment of guide lecturers, which are said to have emerged from the negotiations with the Government, have not yet taken a concrete shape. In response to the request of the trustees for an increase in the grant to the Natural History section, an investigation was undertaken by the Government with a view to ascertaining whether the section was run on sound economic lines and whether economy could be effected. It should be pointed out that the extension of the activities of the museum demands prompt and liberal financial support and not the dilatory procedure of conducting negotiations and investigations. The Government ought to take a final and quick decision and contribute their maximum to the organisation of the museum as an educational and progressive institution.

Apathy To Art

The alertness of the trustees to the possibility of danger of the war, which is reflected in the precautionary steps taken by them to protect the most valuable exhibits, is worthy of appreciation. Since the trustees have appointed a sub-committee to weed out, from the existing collections, the exhibits which are unsuitable for display, it should be suggested to them that they should publish the report of the sub-committee before the final disposal of such exhibits. Pottery, seals and some minor antiquities from the pre-historic site of Harappa were the important additions to the Archaeological section. Other acquisitions, worthy of mention, were two sets of copper-plates, one of which belongs to the Silhara dynasty, terracotta toys and other figurines from Mathura and seven plaster heads of Buddha from Gandhara. Several Rajput drawings of the early nineteenth century and Ragini paintings constitute the acquisitions by the Art section. The necessity of making the Rajput school fully representative cannot be underestimated, but at the same time the apathy of the Art section to contemporary art cannot be ignored. Discrimination between the art of yesterday and to-day is illogical in the case of the Prince of Wales Museum, which is the only outlet to the artists of Western India for the permanent display of their works. Will the trustees, therefore, throw open the doors of the museum to the artists of to-day? The Natural History section also added exhibits to its different galleries. The important activity of the section was the ornithological survey of the Mysore State, which was undertaken with the financial help from the state and the American Museum of Natural History.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.

The United States Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Sumner Welles, was to see both the new Japanese Ambassador, Admiral Nomura, and the Soviet Ambassador, M. Oumansky, this afternoon. —Reuter.

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"Leaders of various shades of opinion" says a Lucknow paper "will attend the political deadlock conference at Bombay".

From the list given we gather that the shades begin with Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru and end with Sir Jagdish Prasad.

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Mr. V. D. Savarkar denounces Mr. Amery's last speech as "more reactionary than any speech or statement made by British statesmen since the beginning of the war."

Mr. Savarkar is not altogether wrong. But we think we understand what has annoyed the Mahasabha leader.

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"The main speculation now is how long will it take the British Imperial troops to clear up the rest of Italian Somaliland and Abyssinia."—London report.

The answer is: as long as British Imperial troops take.

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"We confidently anticipate the early passing of the Lease and Lend Bill."

—President Roosevelt.

Isolationists, however, pray for its late passing away.

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Russia, alleges a report, has warned the Balkan States of non-intervene whatever Germany might do in the Balkans.

But did the Balkan States need to be warned that realistic Russia would non-intervene?

(Junior Colleague: This report takes me back to the Spanish Civil War.

We: It does. But return at once.)

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Talking of the Spanish Civil War, Il Duce has issued a statement detailing the armaments that he had sent to General Franco.

Franco may, perhaps, reply that he is by no means ungrateful, but that he badly needs food and rest.

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The assistance, it is urged on behalf of Il Duce, was given "to prevent Spain from becoming a naval and military base for France and Britain."

Formerly the Berlin-Rome reason used to be to prevent Spain from becoming a naval and military base for Russia and Bolshevism. But that, of course, was a couple of years ago.

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YUGOSLAV FLOODS.

Landslides Block Rail communications

Headlines.

Herr Hitler should immediately send a couple of Divisions complete with tanks, dive-bombers etc. to the assistance of the Yugoslav authorities.

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A commercial treaty has been concluded between Russia and Rumania, according to the official German News Agency.

That should pave the way for a commercial treaty between Russia and —er—Manchukno.

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The captain of the liner smiled down on his dozen guests. There was a heavy sea, and he nearly stumbled when he rose to greet them.

"My friends," he said, "I hope all twelve of you will have a very good voyage. It is, indeed, pleasant to look down on your eleven faces, and think that for the next two or three weeks all eight of us will be sitting here together. I can assure all six of you that it gives me and my officers a great sense of responsibility when we know that not only the safety but also the happiness of both of you is in our hands. Steward, bring my dinner and clear away the other places!'

Alfonso Dead

EX-KING OF SPAIN PASSES AWAY IN ROME

VICHY, Feb. 28.

Ex-King Alfonso died at 11-5 (Italian Time) this morning—

EX-QUEEN VICTORIA EUGENIA AND THE EX-KING'S SONS AND DAUGHTERS WERE AT THE BED-SIDE WHEN ALFONSO DIED, ACCORDING TO A MESSAGE FROM ROME.

Ex-King Alfonso bore the last stages of his illness with exemplary fortitude and humour, very much in the spirit of Charles II's apology for "being such an unconscionable time adying." He carried on a lively conversation with the King and Queen of Italy when they visited him and also with the Crown Prince and despite his growing weakness and constant pain, he listened to the news bulletins on the wireless and showed interest in political affairs upto the end.—Reuter.

(It will be recalled that a week ago the Lyons Radio had prematurely announced the death of Ex-King Alfonso which was contradicted the very next day.

Ever since, on the declaration of a Republic in Spain, he was forced to abdicate in 1931, the ex-King had lived in exile, travelling widely. In 1932 he made a brief halt in Bombay on his way to China and Japan.

When General Franco initiated a rebellion against the republican regime Alfonso and his supporters had hoped for a monarchical restoration Franco gave back the ex-King his property but not his throne.)

FRANCE REJECTS JAPANESE AWARD

(Continued from page 1)

limit for the French reply to their mediation proposals in the Franco-Thai dispute expires at midnight to-night (Japanese time) no communication has been received at the Japanese Foreign Office upto 18.00. according to usually well-informed circles here. Nor, it is stated, had any appointment been arranged for later in the evening. The Japanese are still hopeful, however, that a definite answer will be received from the French some time to-day.

Nazi Pressure On Vichy

Germany is putting pressure on Vichy Government to accept the "final compromise" etc. which Japan lays down for the settlement of the Franco-Thailand dispute, states a Shanghai despatch to the Independent French News Agency.

The despatch adds that Germany feels that France has not sufficient forces in Indo-China to resist Japan unless she received British aid and 'rapprochement' between any part of the French Empire and Britain will be entirely inadmissible from Germany's point of view.

Nevertheless, adds the despatch, all reports from Indo-China indicate that the French military there not only desire to reject the Japanese proposal, but break off the talks in Tokyo and it is believed that the greater part of public opinion in Indo-China supports this view.

Military Precautions

The French are reported to be hastening on with military precautions in Southern Indo-China following increased tension over Japan's Thailand arbitration award. General Mordant, commander-in-Chief, has left Hanoi by air for Saigon, says a Shanghai message.

Proposal To Be Rejected?

The French Indo-China Defence Council is reported to have decided to reject the compromise proposal offered by Japan in an attempt to break the deadlock in the peace talks between Indo-China and Thailand, according to the Shanghai correspondent of the Independent French Agency.

He says that the situation is grave but not desperate.

Decisive Stage

Conversation between France and Thai have now entered a decisive stage, according to a Vichy report quoted by the Swiss radio.

It says that the French Ambassador in Tokio, M Henri, had several interviews with the Foreign Minister, Mr. Matsuoka, while talks are proceeding almost daily at Vichy between the Japanese Charge d'Affaires and the French Foreign Ministry.

The report adds that the French Government received a note containing Japanese proposals which Thailand would be prepared to accept.

An official statement issued at Vichy yesterday declared that the maximum concessions which France was prepared to make in the Thai-Indo-China peace negotiations had already been stated and France was not prepared to go an inch beyond them, no matter what the consequences.

Colony Can Meet Situation

While the situation in Indo-China is regarded in Singapore as being serious, the authorities are confident that the colony can now cope with any emergency. Burma's defence measures too which were recently rushed forward are getting well under way. It is reliably reported that the Japanese have ten divisions, one of which is fully mechanised, concentrated in Hainan Island and Tonkin. Their naval forces cruising off Indo-China are also considerable.

Britons In Indo-China

The report from Tokyo that all-British subjects have strict orders to leave Saigon is not entirely correct, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent. The truth is that sometime ago British subjects in Indo-China who had no very pressing reasons for remaining in the country were advised to leave.—Reuter.

MOLOTOV WATCHES ANKARA

To Deliver Postponed Speech After Cripps' Return

BRITISH WARNING TO BULGARIA

BASLE, Feb. 28.

The journey to Ankara of the British Ambassador in Moscow, Sir Stafford Cripps, has caused a great sensation in the Balkans, according to the Budapest correspondent of the Swiss paper 'Basler Nashrichten".

It is generally believed that the reason is the necessity of informing Mr. Eden directly concerning Russia's waiting politics.

The correspondent adds that M. Molotov is expected to deliver his postponed speech shortly, possibly after Sir Stafford Cripps' return to Moscow.

EDEN'S TALKS WITH TURKEY SATISFACTORY

ANKARA, Feb. 28.

Mr. Eden's conversations with Turkish officials are described here as extremely satisfactory. No further meetings will be necessary unless it is decided to meet for the purpose of agreeing on the exact terms of the communique to be issued later.

Mr. Eden has made arrangements to see President Ineunu on Thursday night and he leaves the capital for Adana aerodrome on Friday night. He is expected to see Sir Stafford Cripps for a general talk during Friday morning.

Tributes To Eden

ISTANBUL:—The entire Turkish morning press has leading articles on the visit of Mr. Eden and Sir John Dill, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, stressing Anglo-Turkish friendship and Turkey's determination to be faithful to her undertakings.

"The Tasviriefkar", saying that common interests are at stake, adds: "Mr. Eden directed Britain's foreign policy during Italy's aggression in Abyssinia and events proved his clear-sightedness.

The "Son-Posta", an independent daily, says while the Anglo-Turkish alliance is purely pacific, Turkey will never tolerate any aggression in her security zone or any plot against her life.

The "Yen Sabah" writes: "The great Ataturk with his genius and foresight re-established Anglo-Turkish friendship the principle of which acquired its happiest form by the signature at Ankara of the Mutual Assistance Pact of 1939 and culminated in an alliance which became the common property of the British and Turkish nations."

ANGLO-BULGAR RUPTURE NOT FAR OFF

Grave Warning To Sofia

The British Minister in Sofia told journalists to-night that time for Britain to break off diplomatic relations with Sofia was not far off.

He added if Britain broke off diplomatic relations with Bulgaria, she would become a theatre of war.

"If I go, Bulgaria is in the greatest danger of becoming a theatre of war. If there is anything I can do to spare Bulgarians this I will do it."

This statement was made by the British Minister, Mr. George Rendel, to British and American newspaper correspondents here on Thursday night.

He emphasised that Britain neither desired nor intended violating Bulgaria's neutrality. Neither did she want Bulgaria to be drawn into the war. There was no doubt that hundreds, perhaps be entirely on the Germans" he declared.

thousands, of Germans in civilian clothes had entered Bulgaria beyond justifiable requirements of army and technical instruction.

Mr. Rendel declared that he would only leave Bulgaria when the country was under German control or was being used as a base for operations against the Allies.

In Event Of Nazi Occupation

Discussing the possibility of Britain bombing Bulgarian bases in the event of German occupation, Mr. Rendel said that it was possible that the precedent established regarding the occupied countries such as Denmark, might be followed, but in such a case the greatest care would be taken to attack purely German targets.

Bulgaria, he added, had made the great mistake of helping the Germans to assume the present position in which the police were largely under German control and the press almost entirely Axis. At the same time many responsible men in Bulgaria were doing all possible to keep the country out of the war. "If Bulgaria loses her neutrality the blame will

GRAVE AND TIMELY STATEMENT

Reuter's diplomatic correspondent writes:—

Great importance is attached in London to the very grave and considered timely warning contained in the statement which Mr. George Rendell, the British Minister, has just made public in Sofia. It is clear from this opportune declaration that Bulgaria will not be able to plead 'force majeure' if the German occupation, now threatening, becomes a reality.

It is obvious that the Bulgarian authorities have been willing tools in collaborating with the Germans and in making the path of their penetration easy. The requisitioning of houses for German Staffs, the posting of indications in German on road signs and the establishment of pontoon bridges across the Danube are all measures that must have called for Bulgarian collusion to a very extensive degree.

Added to this, has been the infiltration of large numbers of semidisguised soldiers and technicians which has not encountered any opposition on the part of the Bulgarian authorities. A plea of 'force majeure' is, therefore invalidated in advance and if Great Britain assumes full liberty of action. Bulgaria will have only herself and the Germans to blame for it.—Reuter.

Number Of Tourists Increasing

Any immediate large scale entry of German troops into Bulgaria is rendered less likely by heavy fall of snow. There is reason to believe that there is not a single uniformed German soldier on Bulgarian soil.

The number of German "tourists" entering Bulgaria is, however, still increasing. And certain preparations for the housing of troops appear to have been made.

Sofia itself is far calmer than is suggested in irresponsible rumours. Bulgarian troops have been stationed on the Greek frontier while two divisions are also on the Turkish frontier.

R. A. F. BOMBERS RAID VALONA

SEVEN ENEMY FIGHTERS SHOT DOWN

ATHENS, Feb. 28.

R. A. F. bombers with a hurricane fighter escort raided Valona aerodrome yesterday (Thursday) and dropped a very large number of bombs which exploded all over the aerodrome and hangars, says a "Communique" to-day (Friday) by the headquarters of the British forces in Greece.

Administrative buildings were repeatedly hit. Seven enemy C. R. Forty-two fighters were shot down in the ensuing combat and two others collided in midair and were destroyed. The British aircraft all returned safely.

Hurricanes yesterday (Thursday) in the second action since their arrival in Greece brought their number of victims to 13 without loss to themselves.—Reuter.

ARSENAL OF DEMOCRACY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.

Ample facilities for steel production exist in the United States to meet all the requirements of the Americas and of other Democracies, according to a report by the Office of Production Management which President Roosevelt quoted at a press conference to-day.

President Roosevelt said that the report showed that American facilities were sufficient for all domestic needs, both civilian and defence, and also to meet the wants of "those nations trying to uphold democracy."

The report was "exceedingly encouraging" added the President.—Reuter.

EARLY PASSAGE OF BILL FORESHADOWED

Broadcasting from the White House last night President Roosevelt said, "We confidently anticipate the early passing of the Lease and Lend Bill.

I believe that this will be an all important factor in our national defence which involves the defence of all democratic countries of the western hemisphere and of the future of democracy wherever it is in peril by force or threats of force. Mr. Bullitt, the former American Ambassador in Paris, yesterday recommended the immediate proclamation of a state of national emergency in order to speed up the production of war materials. If the war ended in an Anglo-American victory, he said, it would be possible to organise peace throughout the world based on fairplay and Christian decency. He urged American industrialists to accelerate greater war production.—Reuter.

SENATOR WHEELER AGAIN

Uncompromising condemnation of the Lease and Lend Bill as legislation that would "strip us of our defences, invite the President to declare war and create a dictatorship" was uttered by the isolationist Leader, Senator Wheeler, in his speech in the Senate to-day, after Senator Maloney had spoken in favour of passage of the Bill.

Senator Wheeler said that passage of the Bill would make the powers of Congress to declare war "a tragic joke". He declared that the Bill was the culmination of subversive propaganda and the efforts of international bankers.—Reuter.

SINGAPORE GATES CLOSED

SINGAPORE, Feb. 28.

It is officially announced that the eastern approaches to Singapore harbour and roads will be closed to shipping by mines from March 3.

This extends the existing minefields. Vessels will enter the area at their own risk.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

JAPAN'S ULTIMATUM

SHANGHAI, Feb. 28.

The entire Japanese community in Hanoi (French Indo-China) including Navy and Army Officials is, according to reports here, standing by ready to board a Japanese cruiser in the harbour at a moment's notice. The report is regarded here as supporting the persistent rumour current in Hanoi that Japan has set a limit expiring at midnight (to-night) to the acceptance of her "compromise proposals" in the Thailand Indo-China border dispute.—Reuter.

THAILAND ACCEPTS COMPROMISE PROPOSAL

BANGKOK, Feb. 28.

The Thailand delegation to the Peace Conference in Tokio is reported to have accepted the Japanese compromise proposal for territorial adjustment on the Thailand-Indo-China border. Details of the proposal have still to be worked out. There are indications here that Japan and Thailand will take joint measures against France if she does not reply favourably to Japan's proposals by mid-night to-night.—Reuter.

VICHY DECISION ON TOKIO TALKS

VICHY, Feb. 28.

The French Cabinet met this afternoon. An official statement issued afterwards states "the Cabinet decided what attitude the Government should adopt towards the negotiations taking place in Tokio for a settlement of the Franco-Thailand conflict." An unusual feature of the Cabinet meeting was that all Secretaries of State—Heads of Government Departments as recently reorganised—attended.—Reuter.

"REPEAT SATYAGRAHA TILL YOU ARE JAILED"

"Be Prepared For Long And Patient Struggle", Advises Gandhiji

Diwakar Arrested: Mrs. Banerjee Released: Berar Congress Secretary Sentenced

JUBBULPORE, Feb. 27.

Interviewed, Mahatma Gandhi advised those Satyagrahis who have been fined only, to continue to offer Satyagraha without giving another notice to the authorities till they are jailed.

He further remarked that the Congress would continue the struggle till its demands were fulfilled and that Satyagrahis should make themselves ready for a long and patient struggle.

He also advised Satyagrahis that if they are fined they should remit the amount voluntarily and should not try to avoid the fines.—A. P.

THREE SATYAGRAHIS FROM BOMBAY

BOMBAY, Friday

Three Congressmen of the City are understood to have sent intimations today to the Commissioner of Police regarding their intention to offer Satyagraha by shouting anti-war slogans at different places in the City on Saturday.

Mr. Chinubhai G. Shah intends to offer Satyagraha at 11-30 a.m. at the junction of Kalbadevi Road and Picket Road.

Mr. Phakirchand Manilal Shah, intends to offer Satyagraha a quarter of an hour later, in front of the East India Cotton Association, while Mr. R. K. Patil desires to take his turn at 6 p.m. near the Prarthana Samaj, Sandhurst Road.

R. R. Diwakar Arrested

BOMBAY, Feb. 28

Mr. R. R. Diwakar, ex-President of the Karnatak Congress Committee, was arrested this morning under Section 129 of the Defence of India Rules. He was to have offered Satyagraha tomorrow at Unkal village.

Mr. Narayanappa Belamkar, treasurer of the Dharwar District Congress Committee, was also arrested under the Defence of India Rules. He intended offering Satyagraha this morning.

Both of them have been removed to Dharwar.—A. P.

Dr. Kashikar Jailed

AKOLA, Feb. 28

Dr. Shirodkar Laxman Kashikar, Secretary of the Berar Provincial Congress Committee, who was arrested at Basim for an alleged objectionable speech delivered at Umarkhed in Yeotmal district, was sentenced yesterday to six months' imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rs. 100. He has been removed to Yeotmal.—A. P.

State Workers Jailed

LAHORE, Feb. 28

Satyapal Azad, General Secretary of the Riyasati Prajamandal, Patiala State, who offered Satyagraha at Bhuncho Mandi in British India, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 100 by a Ferozpore Magistrate. Ramnath, another worker of the Prajamandal of Jind State, was sentenced to four months' imprisonment.

The following convictions in connection with the Satyagraha are reported from different parts of the province.

LYALLPUR: Naubatrai was sentenced to four months' imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 10. Ramchand was sentenced to 6 months' imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 25 Dilbaghsingh was sentenced to 6 months' imprisonment.

KARNAL: Kasturilal was sentenced to one year's imprisonment.

GARGAON: Pandit Chander Bhan, President of the Gargaon District Congress Committee, sentenced to one and a half years' imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 50.—A. P.

In Assam:

SYLHET, Feb. 24.

Mr. Rohini Kumar Das, a prominent Congress worker of Sylhet has been arrested at Sunamganj under the Defence of India Act, for alleged anti-war activities

Mr. Kumudananda Bhatacharya, a Kishan worker of Sylhet, has been arrested under the Defence of India Act. His bail petition has been rejected and he has been remanded to jail custody.

The Sylhet police have searched the offices of the Surma Valley Kishan Samity, Surma Valley Training Corps, Sylhet Students' Federation and several private houses. Nothing objectionable is reported to have been seized.

INTERNED

Mr. Rabindra Nath Dam Roy, Assistant Secretary, Sunamganj Congress Committee has been interned at his native village near Sunamganj town under the Defence of India Act, in order to prevent him from acting in a manner prejudicial to public security.—A.P.

BOOK ABOUT JAWAHARLAL FORFEITED

NEW DELI, Feb. 28

The Chief Commissioner, Delhi, has ordered forfeiture of all copies wherever found of a book in Hindi entitled "Jawahar Digvijya" written by Pandit Shiamji Parashar and printed at the Gangeshwari Printing Works, Delhi, and all other documents containing copies or translations of or extracts from the book, inasmuch as it contains matter "of the nature described in clause (d) of sub-Section (1) of Section 4 of the Indian Press Emergency Powers Act, 1931."—A. P.

Hunt For "Red" Literature

POONA, Feb. 27.

The Poona police searched today the room of one Mr. S. S. Naravane, a student of the Fergusson College on suspicion of being in possession of alleged Communist literature. The student, it is understood, has been arrested.—A. P.

Italian Troops Quit Mogadishu

Br. Force In Contact With Enemy Troops Holding Positions North Of Keren

LONDON, Feb. 28.

Evacuation by Italian troops of Mogadishu in Italian Somaliland is referred to in to-day's (Friday) Italian communique.—Reuter.

Vigorous Advance

CAIRO, Feb. 28.

As a result of its vigorous advance, the British Northern Force is now in contact with enemy troops holding covering positions north of Keren in Eritrea, states a communique from the British G. H. Q.

Meanwhile by local activity we have improved our positions west of the town. In the face of increasing patriotic pressure Italian evacuation of military posts in the Gojjam region in Abyssinia continues. Operations in all the sectors in Italian Somaliland are developing successfully.—Reuter.

Buragaba Bombed

NAIROBI, Feb. 28.

The South African Air Force bombed barracks at Buragaba and warehouse at Ischabaldoa on Feb. 26, states a communique. Buildings at Buragaba were set on fire.

Other aircraft machine-gunned mechanical transport on the road beyond Buloburti, north of Mogadishu destroying six lorries and damaging others.

Reconnaissance squadrons in Southern Abyssinia machine-gunned mechanical transport in the Iavello and Mechelli areas. All our machines returned safely.—

SURPRISE FOR FRANCO

Mussolini Presents Big Bill For Aid In Civil War

ROME, Feb. 28.

Sgr. Mussolini has presented a Bill to General Franco on account of the assistance given by Italy during the Spanish Civil War.

The Bill totals 64 million sterling to be paid in 24 equal annual instalments.—Reuter.

Purnima Bannerjee Released

ALLAHABAD, Feb. 27

Mrs. Purnima Banerjee, a Congress worker of Allahabad, who was undergoing a sentence under the Defence of India Rules, was released today on the completion of her sentence.—A. P.

KAMALA NEHRU HOSPITAL

Mahatma Performs Opening Ceremony

Poignant References To Absentee Members Of Nehru Family

OPPORTUNITY FOR DOCTORS AND TRUSTEES TO SERVE POOR, SAYS GANDHIJI

(From Our Correspondent).
ALLAHABAD: Feb. 28.

The opening ceremony of the Kamala Nehru Hospital, which was performed this evening was an imposing but simple affair. Nearly 20,000 people assembled in front of the hospital to greet their great Leader.

Gandhiji, clad in spotless Khaddar, went up the rostrum and heartily embraced Pt. Madan Mohan Malaviya amidst thunderous cheers. It was a touching scene for these two oldest leaders in India being seen locked in loving embrace and each offering the other to sit first in the seat meant for Gandhiji. The two daughters of Mrs. Vijaylaxmi Pandit garlanded the two veterans, Mahatma and Malaviyaji.

Messages of goodwill that were read included those from Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, Sir C. Y. Chintamani, Mr. S. A. Brelvi, Sir Sitaram, Mr. Padampat Singhania, Sir Kailasnath Haskar, Dr. B. C. Roy, Dr. Bhagwandas, Mr. Sriprakash, and others.

Dr. Jivraj Mehta then made a short speech. Amidst chanting of Mantras Gandhiji performed the opening ceremony of the hospital by unlocking its spacious door, which constitutes its main gate.

Gandhiji thereafter delivered a short speech wherein he said: "It should be a matter of joy to the Nehru family that the hospital opened with such ceremony." He made poignant reference to the absence of Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru, Mrs. Vijaylaxmi Pandit and Miss Indira Nehru from the ceremony.

Gandhiji said: "It was a most beautiful hospital in the whole of India. There were bigger hospitals in India, but not so beautiful." Gandhiji stressed upon doctors and trustees of the hospital the need of serving poor people through this hospital. "Keep the ideal of service before you," said Gandhiji. The hospital has been built but it was for doctors and trustees to infuse life into it. He was glad that Rs. 5 lakhs have been collected, but more charity was needed.

Gandhiji made it clear that the hospital was not meant for Hindus only, but for all communities including Muslims. Even as Kamala Nehru and Jawaharlal Nehru fought for the freedom of every section of Indians and had great love for poor, so this hospital was meant for all Indians, including Harijans. It was meant specially for the poor.

At the end of the speech an announcement was made regarding collections to the hospital funds.

Money appeared to pour into the fund like torrents. The fund opened by the "Hindustan Times" provided Rs. 25,000.

Allahabad presented a purse of Rs. 5,576 to Gandhiji through Mr. R. N. Basu, Chairman of the Municipal Board. Money poured in from Calicut, Madras, Bombay in thousands.

The audience contributed lavishly no lagging behind in constructive work.

Dr. Mehta proceeding thanked the U. P. Government for their very generous donation of Rs. 30,000 towards the construction and equipment of the hospital and for an annual recurring grant of Rs. 5,500.

He also thanked the Allahabad Municipal Board for their grant and other donors.

The position of the hospital demands that there should be at least an endowment of five lakhs to ensure its proper development.—A. P.

GANDHIJI'S APPEAL FOR PUBLIC SUPPORT

ALLAHABAD, Feb. 28.

Mahatma Gandhi in his speech opening the Kamala Nehru's Memorial Hospital here this evening appealed for public support to the maintenance of the hospital. He said:

"Our word to collect five lakhs stands fulfilled to-day as we have been able to collect five lakhs and ten thousand. But this is not enough. This is a very big hospital and one of the finest in the country. In its maintenance, all should help with whatever mite they can. The United Provinces Government has been very generous, the Allahabad Municipality has been very generous. We are also grateful to the various donors for their contributions," he continued.

Mahatma Gandhi said that as soon as control of the Hospital had been decentralised, the responsibility of maintaining the hospital would mainly be on the local people.

"This is a sacred moment and all those who have assembled here have taken part in this consecration and have given their blessings. The mission of this hospital will ever be "service to all alike" concluded Mahatma Gandhi.—A. P.

Dr. Jivraj Mehta Thanks Donors

ALLAHABAD: Feb. 28.

"The Managing Committee feel that they would not be justified in opening the hospital without the minimum celebration which the opening of the national monument in memory of a noble lady, the embodiment of service to humanity, necessitated and, therefore, they were constrained to request you to come over here and open the monument whose corner-stone was laid by you 15 months ago," said Dr. Jivraj Mehta requesting Mahatma Gandhi to open the Kamala Nehru Memorial Hospital formally this afternoon.

He pointed out that Mahatma Gandhi himself had insisted that there should be

Fund Totals Over Rs. 16,000

NEW DELHI, Feb 28.

The "Hindustan Times" announces this morning that the collections to the Kamala Nehru Memorial Fund opened by it total over Rs. 16,000. The paper announces that the Fund will be kept open for some time longer.—A. P.

KAMALA NEHRU MEMORIAL HUSPITAL FUND

LUCKNOW, Feb. 28.

A sum of over Rs. 3,500 has so far been collected by subscriptions to the Kamala Nehru Memorial Hospital Fund.—A. P.

Further Donations

ALLAHABAD, Feb. 28.

The following donations were announced at the opening of the Kamala Nehru Hospital: Lala Padampat Singhania Rs. 15,000, citizens of Allahabad Rs. 5,000, "Hindustan Times" fund Rs. 20,000, "National Herald" fund Rs. 5,000, "Hindu" (Madras) fund Rs. 4,425, ladies of Allahabad Rs. 5,000, Allahabad University Rs. 5,000.—United Press.

GARHWAL HARIJAN PROBLEM SOLVED

Gandhiji Gives Permission To Start Satyagraha

(From Our Correspondent).
ALLAHABAD: Feb. 28.

A deputation of Harijans of Garhwal waited on Gandhiji this morning after Gandhiji performed the 'Puja' ceremony in connection with the Kamala Nehru Hospital. Gandhiji patiently heard the deputation. It is understood through the good offices of Gandhiji, the Harijans' grievances regarding "Dola-Palki" have been removed. As a happy settlement of the Harijan's grievances has now been reached, Gandhiji has now given his permission to the Congress Committee in Garhwal to start Satyagraha.

It will be recalled that Gandhiji had withheld permission owing to the grievances of the Harijans in Garhwal.

Gandhiji To Meet U. P. Students' Deputation

(From Our Correspondent).
ALLAHABAD: Feb. 28.

Over 100 common visitors sent in their cards to Gandhiji this morning, but he refused to see anybody. He, however, agreed to meet a deputation of the United Provinces Students' Federation (Gandhi Group), to-morrow morning.

STEEL STRIKE SETTLED

BUFFALO (New York), February 28.

The strike at the Lackawanna Plant of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation has been settled. The workers unanimously approved of the formula drafted by the Government and production on valuable defence contracts will continue forthwith. The plant employs four thousand men.—Reuter.

ATALANTA (Georgia), Feb. 28.

The casualties in the Eastern Air Lines plane crash are now given as seven killed and nine injured. Among the dead is Democratic Congress Representative William Pryon of Maryland.—Reuter.

Come Out With Faith Renewed

What Mahatma Expects Of Satyagrahis Who Are Now In Jail

That he expects every Satyagrahi to come out of the prison with his or her faith in Non-Violence and Khadi redoubled, it is understood, was the view expressed by Mahatma Gandhi in the course of a talk with Miss Prema Kantak who saw him at Sevagram early this week and who is now in Bombay on her way to Saswad.

It would be against the spirit of the pledge signed by Satyagrahis, he is reported to have said, if they were to entertain the least doubt or give expression to it, about the efficacy of Non-Violence.

Gandhiji's instructions to the women Satyagrahis seem to be that in no circumstance should any one take children to the jail.

In the course of an interview to the "Chronicle" Miss Prema Kantak said that political prisoners could not but be out of touch with political events in India, because daily newspapers supplied to them exhibited "gaping wounds," the scissors having run through items referring to the Satyagraha movement.

Women prisoners at Yerawda felt considerably inconvenienced because of the insanitary conditions which prevailed in regard to the latrines and bath-rooms. There was no privacy.

The food for "C" class prisoners, she said, was of a very inferior type, lacking in vitamin content.

'My Ministry Is Non-Communal'

It Is Honourable For Mir Bande Ali To Resign, Says Allabux

KARACHI, Feb. 28.

Khan Bahadur Allahbaksh, Finance Minister in the Sind Government has issued the following statement to the Associated Press:

"I read the resolution of the Sind Provincial Muslim League passed to-day. The resolution calls upon those Ministers of the Cabinet who wish to support the no-confidence motions tabled individually against the Premier Mir Bunde Ali and Khan Bahadur Khuro to resign from office.

I was not subject to the jurisdiction of the Muslim League when I took the responsibility of office nor am I now under any obligation to follow its mandate.

The Sind Provincial Muslim League is fully aware that Mir Bunde Ali was elected as Leader with the support of the Majority consisting of the Hindu Independent Party, the Congress group, his own group and the Muslim League on the clear understanding that all the groups excepting the Congress who did not accept any seat in the Cabinet, shook off communal labels and merged themselves into one Nationalist Group. Here, I quote Mir Bunde Ali's own speech which he delivered on 22.3.40 after the formation of his Nationalist Ministry.

"The newly formed Nationalis. Party in the Sind Assembly is an outward manifestation of that inborn desire of communal concord and mutual goodwill. As a result of this, you find both the parties which went under communal labels previously have been dissolved and in their place, the Sind Nationalist Party has been formed. This being the genesis of my party I can proudly claim that my Ministry is non-communal."

Continuing Mr. Allabaksh says that since Mir Bunde Ali joined the Muslim League and revived the Muslim League Party in the Assembly surely he cannot claim to have a majority nor can he claim to be the Leader of all the groups. That being the position, it is honourable for Mir Bunde Ali apart from the undertaking he gave to Maulana Azad that he should resign and either form a Government as the Leader of Muslim League group or leave it to the other group to form a Government.—A. P.

ABDUL MAJID'S APPEAL

Withdraw No-Confidence Motions

KARACHI, Feb. 28.

Sheikh Abdul Majid, Minister for Education, has issued an appeal to all those who sincerely and seriously believe in the necessity for arriving at a compromise over the ministerial tangle.

He says that while it is his honest desire that there should be effected an amicable settlement between the various parties in the Sind Assembly, he feels that approach to the problem would be difficult in the face of the no-confidence motions and requests the parties concerned to withdraw them.—A. P.

SIND CABINET CRISIS

Premier Demands Allah Baksh's Resignation; League Tactics

KARACHI, Feb. 28.

The Premier Mir Bunde Ali is understood to have demanded the resignation of Khan Bahadur Allah Baksh from the Cabinet in the course of a communication to the latter presumably under the directions of the Muslim League High Command.

An emergency meeting of the Sind Provincial Muslim League Working Committee was held later this morning to consider the Ministerial situation and a statement by the General Secretary was issued after the conclusion of the meeting clarifying the League stand.

WILLING TO RULE!

The statement says that the League is willing to run the administration of the Province with the co-operation of the various parties in the legislature as far it is practicable and the League has up till now given sufficient proof of its promptness to accommodate all those who were agreeable to working any reasonable formula but at present the League is not prepared to carry on any negotiations so long as there is threat of a no-confidence motion. If a censure motion is to be pressed the statement concludes, it will be advisable for those who stand by it to clarify their position forthwith and take the straight constitutional course of resigning from the Cabinet immediately.

It will be remembered that two no-confidence motions, one against Premier Mir Bunde Ali and another against Khan Bahadur Khuro, the two League Ministers, have been tabled by supporters of Khan Bahadur Allah Baksh, Pir Elahibux, ex-Minister and Pirzada Abdul Sattar, Chief Parliamentary Secretary in the Allabaksh Ministry.—A. P.

Mahatma--Sapru Talks On Political Situation

"DESIRE TO EXPLORE ALL AVENUES OF PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT"

(From Our Correspondent).
ALLAHABAD: Feb. 28.

Considerable sensation has been caused in political circles by Gandhiji calling on Sir T.B. Sapru to-night and discussing with him political situation for about an hour. Sir Jagdizh Prasad also was present at the discussion.

It is understood the meeting itself was brought about by the efforts of Sir Jagdish Prasad. At the time of wiring it is not known whether any agreement has been reached. But talks appear to have been very cordial and it is believed Gandhiji, who never shut the door to any reasonable settlement of the political deadlock, would give his best consideration to Dr. Sapru's proposals.

It is likely that Gandhiji will inform Sir Sapru of his considered opinion after consulting Congress leaders who are in or outside jail.

For the present this meeting is considered as a happy augury. It shows Gandhiji's desire to explore all the avenues for a peaceful settlement of the Indian question.

It is likely that Sir Sapru himself would have called on Gandhiji, but as Dr. Sapru was ill, Gandhiji took the graceful step of calling on Dr. Sapru. It had a fine humane touch about it.

GANDHIJI'S BUSY DAY AT ALLAHABAD

May Prolong His Stay For A Few Days

(From Our Correspondent).
ALLAHABAD, Feb. 28.

Gandhiji is having a busy programme to-day. He is visiting the Harijan colony and meeting a deputation from Garhwal Harijans in connection with Dola Palki problem in Garhwal.

Sjt. S. K. Dutt Paliwal, President, Provincial Congress Committee and Mr. Purshottamdas Tandon, Speaker of the U. P. Assembly, are meeting him in connection with the Satyagraha movement.

It is understood Gandhiji may prolong his stay here beyond to-morrow as Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru had written to his people here to request Gandhiji to stay here for a few days, as such stay at Allahabad would improve his health.

Gandhiji may even otherwise stay for one day more if his stay helps collection of fund for Kamala Nehru Hospital. There is likelihood of his meeting Sir Tej Bahadur also.

ADDITIONAL U. S. AIR CORPS SENT TO ALASKA

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.

Three additional United States air corps have just gone to Alaska and three more are scheduled to go there within two months.

This announcement was made by the War Secretary, Mr. Stimson, on Thursday. He added that the United States army's experiments with parachute troops have been so successful that this wing was to be increased fourfold.—Reuter.

Nazi Blockade Of Britain

Smaller Submarines To Be Used In Spring 'Putsch'

LONDON, Feb. 28.

For the attempt to blockade Britain which Hitler has promised for the Spring he has been building much smaller U-Boats than hitherto, writes "Reuter's" naval correspondent.

Smaller submarines can be built in a shorter time, require less material and perhaps the most important, smaller crews are required.

The training of submarine crews is a lengthy business. It is more than likely that Hitler has not yet got enough crews for all his U-Boats.

The drawback of the smaller submarine is that its operating radius is reduced. But, as the Germans have so many French ports to use as bases, this has less importance from the German viewpoint.

Smaller submarines will, however, not be more difficult to locate by the British navy than hitherto.

Italian submarines are believed to be operating with the Germans in the Atlantic.—Reuter.

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 28.

A two-engined German bomber flew over the south coast of the island of Skaane at noon on Thursday according to an official statement issued here. The bomber was driven off by anti-aircraft fire.—Reuter.

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OH, YOU CAN SET IT DOWN FOR A FEW MINUTES--- WHO'S GONNA KNOW THE DIFFERENCE?
?
ME!
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SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY'S RACES

By "ORR"

The programme, drawn up for the Final Day of the Big Meeting includes three Big Cup events, the Governor's Cup for Indian horses, the Turf Club Cup for first class Arabs and the Byculla Club Cup for top-notchers.

Fields are poor but nevertheless, racing should be keen. The following are the selections for the day:

1st Race: 2 p.m.
BALLINAHOWN 1
BASTION 2
TIPPERARY F

2nd Race: 2-30 p.m.
SNAPPER 1
ZAIN UL MULUK 2
TAJ AL FARAT F

3rd Race: 3 p.m.
TOM TIT 1
FABLE 2
PHILDERER F

4th Race: 3-30 p.m.
FARUQ PASHA 1
SHAYAL NAYIF 2
SEVENTH HEAVEN F

5th Race: 4 p.m.
ORANGE FLOWER 1
TWINE 2
KING KONG F

6th Race: 4-30 p.m.
GOOD FARE 1
PASSEPASSE II F

7th Race: 5 p.m.
COEUS 1
GAY TALKIE 2
STEEL HELMET F

8th Race: 5-30 p.m.
GREETINGS 1
DELPHI 2
RETORT F

9th Race: 6 p.m.
FADHLI MINSHAD 1
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Hockey:

TO-DAY'S INDIA vs. BENGAL MATCH

Dara Not To Play: Kirkee United Refuse To Release Phillip: Hakim Goes To Calcutta

(From Our Correspondent.)
CALCUTTA, Feb 27.

The Bengal Hockey Association were in a quandry with regard to the forthcoming War Fund match.

Without taking the proper sanction of the Indian Hockey Federation, the Bengal Hockey Association had made arrangements for this match long ago and had invited players accordingly and had informed the Provincial Associations concerned as well. All arrangements are now complete and only one day is left for the match to be staged.

Then came the information, that Lieutenant Dara, who is now stationed at Secunderabad, will be unable to make the trip owing to his annual Brigade training. Dara's inability is understandable and the team will not also be weakened thereby, as Hakim, who proved a most successful insideforward at Bombay in the last Inter-Provincial Tournament will fill his berth. Phillips of Kirkee had suddenly sent an intimation two days ago that owing to the War Fund Hockey Match at Bombay, he will not be able to come to Calcutta. The B. H. A. immediately got into touch with the Bombay Association, who gave Phillips permission to proceed to Calcutta, but pointed out that Poona District might object.

The latter have since been approached by the B. H. A., who have pointed out that Phillips after having accepted the invitation, would let the team down at this stage and it would be difficult to find an All-India substitute at the eleventh hour. The Poona District informed the B. H. A. they had no objection, but that the Kirkee United for whom Phillips plays, would be unwilling to release the player. The Kirkee United were approached, but they declined to release him. This seems a very interesting affair and is a fairly fit case for the Indian Hockey Federation to enquire

Fortunately, Mushtaque Ahmed of Delhi, who was selected by the I. H. F. as right fullback for the All-India team's tour, which has since been cancelled, is now in Calcutta studying at the local University. Mushtaque Ahmed will not possibly get a place in the Bengal team and he will take Phillip's position in the All-India side.

The All-India team will now be as follows: Francke (Madras), Mushtaque Ahmed (Bengal), Mohd. Hossain (Manavadar), Manna Singh (Amritsar), Durga (Central India), Willie Fernandez (Bombay), Kishen (Central India), Hakim (Bombay), Dhyan Chand (Army), Roop Singh (Gwalior) and P. P. Fernandez (Sind).

TENNIS BALLS FOR INDIA

"The Bombay Chronicle" understands that a large consignment of tennis balls reached Bombay by one of the last boats from England.

This should to a great extent to remove the dearth of tennis balls that has effected tennis in all centres.

North-Western India Tennis Tournament

KARACHI, Feb. 27.

Striking excellent form, Miss Haji defeated Mrs. Kandawala in straight sets in the Ladies Singles semi-finals, qualifying herself to meet Miss M. P. Dubash in the finals of the North-Western India Tennis Tournament.

In the Men's Singles Sawhney had an easy task defeating Fraser, but latter put up a gallant fight.

Results:—

MEN'S SINGLES
Sawhney beat Fraser 6—4, 6—3.
Dastur beat Westwood 6—4, 6—4.
Blake vs. Dastur 4—6, 8—6 (unfinished.)

MEN'S DOUBLES
Lalla and Vasant beat Wania and Abdulnabi 7—5, 8—6.

LADIES' SINGLES
Miss Haji beat Mrs. Kandavala 6—4, 7—5.

LADIES' DOUBLES
Miss K. Minwalla and Miss V. Minwalla beat Miss G. Kavasji and Miss Khilnani 5—7, 6—3, 6—4.
Miss Haji and Miss M. Kavasji beat Mrs. Pettigrew and Mrs. Graham 6—1, 6—2.—A. P.

Ceylon Cricket Record

(From Our Correspondent.)
COLOMBO, Feb. 28.

The most remarkable feature of the cricket match concluded yesterday on the Sinhalese Sports Club ground between H. E. the Governor's XI and the Sinhalese Sports Club was the scoring of a century by each of the rival captains. This is a feat without parallel in the history of first-class cricket in Ceylon. Jayawickrema played an attractive and hard hit innings of 160 for the Sinhalese Sports Club while Clover Brown was unbeaten with an equally meritorious unfinished innings of 115.

Calcutta League

CALCUTTA, Feb. 28.

Customs 2 Police 2

After fighting against a lead of a goal until about midway through the second half, the Customs eventually shared four goals equally with the Police in the first division of the hockey league.

Mohamedan Sporting 2 Greer Sporting 1

Mahomedan Sporting playing a superior game thoroughly deserved the victory. And but for Halfhide who gave a brilliant display and saved repeatedly amidst applause Greer might have suffered a worse defeat.

All-India Cabral Shield

KARACHI, Feb. 28.

Karachi Port Trust eliminated the Karachi Goan Association "B" from the All-India Cabral Hockey Shield Tournament by beating them by three goals to one, after a dull and colourless game.

Dias 2 and P. Mendes scored for the Port Trust, while Vaz got the only goal for the Goans.

Deccan Sugar Factories Protest Against Syndicate Resolution

The Deccan Sugar Factories' Association has sent the following telegram to the Secretary, Government of India, Department of Commerce, New Delhi:—

"The Deccan Sugar Factories' Association, Bombay, enter a strong protest against the impossible suggestions made by the Indian Sugar Syndicate Limited in their recent resolutions re unregulated expansion of the Sugar industry outside United Provinces and Bihar and its control when facts are just the other way. The Association submit that Government ought not to restrict the legitimate expansion of the industry in suitable tracts like the Deccan where it is being built up on scientific basis for the sake of U. P. and Bihar factories which are the cause of the present crisis of the industry. Detailed representation follows."

OFFICIAL BAROMETER READING DATED 28-2-41

At 8-7 a.m. local time (8-46 a.m. Indian Standard Time) and temperature 79.3 deg. F., a mercury barometer without index error at mean sea level would actually read 30.11 inches and a compensated aneroid 29.92 inches.

For correction of ships' instruments please subtract from the above official barometer reading 0.001" for every foot of elevation of the instrument above mean sea level.

DEFICITS AND MOUNTING SOARING TAXATION

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cation where adjustments have to be made for the assessment of the previous year, and to regulate this aspect, a small amending bill will be brought forward.

The yeild of this enhancement of the excess profits tax is estimated at two and a half crores.

As regards income-tax and super-tax, I propose that the present central surcharge of twenty-five per cent should for the year 1941-42 be raised to thirty-three and one-third per cent. This is expected to yield an additional Rs. 190 lakhs.

INDIRECT TAXATION.

In the field of indirect taxes, my main proposal is to double the excise duty on matches. I may observe here that the present duty was fixed in relation to a certain retail price, and that changes in that price must be in terms of the lowest unit of currency in common use, and are thus not susceptible of fine gradation. Over large parts of the country, the retail price has already advanced to the next higher point, yielding a large uncovenanted profit to the trade. The increase in duty now proposed will appropriate for the exchequer a due share of the enhanced retail price which the consumer has to pay. A corresponding increase will automatically ensue in the duty on imported matches, and a similar increase will be made in the duty on mechanical lighters. The yield of the additional duty on matches is estimated at Rs. 150 lakhs.

INCREASED DUTY ON ART SILK.

I have two other smaller proposals. One is to increase the import duty now leviable on artificial silk yarn and thread, an item in our import trade which, unlike most others, appears to offer even in war time conditions, the possibility of higher revenue. The duty on artificial silk yarn and thread stands at twenty-five per cent 'ad valorem' or three annas per pound whichever is higher, and I propose to increase the alternative specific duty to five annas per pound. The yield of the increased tax on these yarns and thread is taken at Rs. 36 lakhs.

PNEUMATIC TYRES AND TUBES.

The second of my smaller proposals is to introduce a new excise duty of ten per cent 'ad valorem' on pneumatic tyres and tubes. The manufacture of these tyres and tubes in India was set up a few years ago, and the domestic supply now fills a large proportion of the demand which formerly was met by imports on which a revenue duty of twenty-five per cent 'ad valorem' is levied. The yield of this new duty for the imposition of which a separate bill will be introduced, is estimated at Rs. 35 lakhs.

FORMIDABLE GAP

The new duties on matches and on artificial silk yarn and thread will take immediate effect, by virtue of a certificate under the provisional collection of taxes act.

The total estimated yield of this new taxation is Rs. 661 lakhs which brings the estimated revenue for 1941-42 to Rs. 113,00 lakhs and reduces the prospective deficit to Rs. 1385 lakhs. This is still a formidable gap in relation to the scale of Indian finances, and I must confess that I shall be more sensitive to the criticism of that smaller and less vocal body who may feel that the contemporary contribution by taxation to the cost of the war is too little than of the doubtless large multitude who would say it is too great. It is not merely that the estimated gap is large, but the unforeseen contingencies of the year ahead are obviously far more likely to widen than to narrow it.

On the other hand, it must be remembered that our expenditure estimates still contain a provision of Rs. 3 crores for the reduction and avoidance of debt. Again there is a factor at present incalculable which may emerge from the Indo-Burma trade negotiations now proceeding, since any modification of the existing free trade regime must result in some increase of revenue. In any case, it is not the proportion of next year's deficit to be met by taxation which is important, but the share of the whole additional cost of our war measures which is so provided. Judged by that criticism, I feel that the position is fully defensible. The uncovered revenue deficit will of course be met by borrowing, which will be part of the larger programme, the necessity of which I have already explained.

INDIA'S WAR EFFORT

I have little doubt that greater sacrifices await us, but it is indisputable that the inherent soundness of India's financial position entitles her to face the future with courage and confidence. This is no time for complacency, but whatever may be in store in the weeks and months that lie ahead, there is reason for satisfaction in the way in which the financial and economic structure of India has withstood the strains and stresses of one and a half years of war while enabling her to play a part, of which she may be justly proud, in this mortal struggle for the ideals of enlightened humanity.

BOMBAY REACTION TO BUDGET

(Continued from page 1)

during the last war. The merit of war loans redeemable after a certain period is that taxation is spread over a number of years and thus the generation to come will share the burden with the present generation.

In fact after having taxed us far beyond our capacity in various directions, he tells us that after thus raising the income-tax, doubling of the excise duty on matches which is a burden on the poorest of the country and ten per cent on Pneumatic tyres and tubes he is able to raise only six crores and 61 lakhs. Thus he is after all driven to the necessity of borrowing ultimately 13 crores 85 lakhs. This appears to be an extraordinary methods of financing the budget even in war time.

Blow To Art Silk Industry

Seth Ramdeo A. Podar, Chairman of the Silk and Art Silk Mills' Association interviewed by a representative of the "Bombay Chronicle" said:—

"It is not a surprise to me that this year's budget is showing a deficit of 2,046 lakhs. This deficit is mainly on account of 3,540 lakhs which have been estimated for India's war measures. But I am astonished at the way the Government expects India to pay for this burden.

In the proposed taxation, I find that the 50 per cent E. P. tax that was levied last year did not bring in the desired income, the reason being depression in trade on account of shipping difficulties and increased cost of production. In the face of this, the E. P. tax has not only been increased from 50 to 66.2|3 per cent but the surcharge also has been raised from 25 per cent to 33.1|3 per cent.

Even though this is a heavy tax it is a direct taxation; but the excise duty on matches and import duty on art silk yarn is a heavy burden which will ultimately bring down the purchasing power of the masses.

The increase in duties of five annas alternative specific duty on art silk yarn is a blow to the budding art silk industry. The revenue expected is only 36 lakhs and for this small amount against the proposed borrowing of 1385 lakhs without a counter availing on imported art silk piece goods, is an indirect fillip to exports from Japan at the cost of Indian art silk mills.

This proves that Indian industries can never rely on Government help in spite of their oft-repeated declared policy of industrialisation.

In regard to the other aspects of the budget, looking to the extraordinary situation nothing better could have been expected."

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CENSUS ENUMERATION

Omissions To Be Rectified In Three Days

BOMBAY, Friday.

Armed with bound pads of slips containing the 22 questions which are to be put to every man and woman, an army of checkers requisitioned by the Census authorities sallied out early on Friday morning to count over once again the population of Bombay, which has already been counted once during the last one month.

All the 35 circles from which the enumerators began their operations presented a busy appearance as the checkers went out to and brought returns from the 2,266 blocks into which the city has been divided for the purposes of enumeration. A block may consist of anything up to 200 Census houses containing a population of anything up to 1,000 persons including man, woman and child

Although many Government office are closed on account of the Census the mills, factories and private commercial organisations are working.

Omissions

The Census Officer of the Bombay Municipality has issued an appeal to the public requesting that anybody who thinks he has been omitted from the enumeration, may bring the omission to the notice of the Charge Superintendent of the section within 3 days, so that the omission may be rectified.

Current And Coming Indian Films

Manjula, the heroine of "Virginia" shortly coming to Minerva.

"GHAR JAWAI" BOOKED FOR NEW WEST END

Premiere, Next Saturday

The distinction of writing continuously for years together humorous stage-plays as well as screen-plays goes to that Marathi author, Mr. P. K. Atre. Almost alone among the present writers he has strived to keep theatre-goers, movie-goers and even readers of Marathi literature a-laughing. As a writer of dialogues full of wit he has no equal, as a creator of comedy situations, all his works are remarkable for their refreshing appeal.

In fact, outstanding feature of comedies written by Mr. Atre is that while watching the comedy situations or hearing the witty dialogues, one never feels that they are stale or dated. Freshness is a quality few authors, especially authors of comedies, can retain for long. But Atre is undoubtedly one of those writers, who can always be depended on giving something fresh, original and novel. As an example of his flair for freshness one can point out Asha Pictures' "Ghar Jawai" which will be released next week at New West End.

In more than one way, "Ghar Jawai" will be different from all the past comedies by Acharya Atre. First of all, barring Vanmala who made such a sensational debut in "Lapandav" all the stars of "Ghar Jawai" have never before appeared in Atre's screen play. Yet they are all accomplished artistes, and amongst them are such popular names as Shobhana Samarth, Avinash, Damuanna. Secondly, the director of "Ghar Jawai", is also a new man, Mr. Kumarsan Samarth, who had been to Berlin to learn screen craft and technique. Then it is produced by Mr. Mote noted as much as Principal Atre for his flair for novelty and freshness, as a publisher. But the chief reason is of course is that Atre's screenplay of "Ghar Jawai" is as different from the rest of his screenplays as for instance "Brandy Bottle" was from "Brahmachari".

News About Sohrab Modi's "Sikandar"

Work on Minerva's spectacular historical, "Sikandar" or "Alexander the Great", is progressing according to schedule.

Sohrab Modi, the director of this lavish costume production, is determined to spare neither cost nor labour to make it the picture of the year.

Spectacular settings exact replicas of the originals, are being constructed by artistic wizard Russi Banker on a gigantic scale

Khurshid in "Dharma-Bandhan" at Novelty.

"Naya Sansar" Getting Ready

Rich Star Talent In New Production

For the best scholar, the last few days of study before the examination are a unique experience. Somewhat similar to that of the scholar, is currently the feeling of Mr. S. Mukerji, the Bombay Talkies' producer. The man who made "Bandhan" is about to complete his second assignment "Naya Sansar." With the great public as the Board of Examiners, he passed his first "examination" with surprising distinction. Soon, he is to face a second one.

For his task, producer Mukerji has equipped himself very well indeed. The "Bandhan" crew of technicians is again with him. The direction of "Naya Sansar" is in the hands of Mr. Acharya who directed "Bandhan." Mr. Pareenja has the camera. The songs have come from the pen of Pradeep, whom "Bandhan" brought into a floodlight of fame, as if from nowhere; and the veteran writer Kashyap has given "Naya Sansar" its dialogues.

It is a matter of pride to the present writer that his colleague and predecessor in charge of this page, Mr. K. Ahmed Abbas is the author of "Naya Sansar." The scenario is a result of collaboration between Mr. Abbas and Mr. Gyan Mukerji, who was joint author of the "Bandhan" scenario.

The story of "Naya Sansar" is set against the background of newspaper life. Journalism is a world of intense drama, of conflict between pride and duty and self-interest, between idealism and practical prudence, ambition and circumstance. It is a world that the author of "Naya Sansar" knows intimately, in which he has been living and struggling and growing since he emerged from the convocation hall of his University. For authenticity of the atmosphere of "Naya Sansar", one may rely on its author, and on the painstaking thoroughness of its producer.

The "Naya Sansar" cast is lined up with the best of the character acting talent that has proved its worth in recent Bombay Talkies films. It includes Mubarak, V. H. Desai, Suresh, Shah Nawaz, Pithawalla, Jagannath. A pleasant surprise is added, with the inclusion of the famous dancer Auzurie who, it is understood, has an important character role which of course involves dancing as well. Chief roles are assigned to Ashok Kumar and Renuka Devi.

"ULTI GANGA"

Several hundreds of lovely damsels in smart uniforms were recently engaged by Minerva Movietone for a scene in their forthcoming comedy "Ulti Ganga".

The occasion marked the ultimate triumph of the fair sex in their struggle for supremacy over man which resulted in the establishment of a new matriarchal government "Zanana Sarkar."

"Ulti Ganga" is said to abound in laugh provoking situations. Pramilla, Sadiqali, P. Banerji, Gulab, Eruch Tarapore, Brijrani and Ramesh play the major roles.

Sadhona Bose, who is starred in "Rajnartaki".

BOMBAY FILM DIARY

CENTRAL—"Padosi" and its Marathi version "Shejari", starring Datey and Jagirdar in the latter and Mazharkhan and Jagirdar in the former. Jayashree takes leading role as girl star in Marathi version and Anis Khatoon in Hindustani. (Sixth week).

IMPERIAL—"Madhusudan", Circe's story of matrimony in Hindu Society, featuring Maya Banerji, Ashalata and Kumar. (Third week).

KRISHNA—"Narsi Bhagat", Prakash's season's Hit featuring Vishnupant Pagnis and Durga Khote, with Aundhkar, Vimla Vashishta and Ram Marathe in Hindustani. Full of fine songs devotional and others, also stunts. (25th week).

LAMINGTON—'Pardesi', Ranjit's new film, starring Motilal, Khurshid and Snehaprabha. (2nd week).

MAJESTIC — "Punarmilan" of Bombay Talkies, starring Kishore Shahu and Snehaprabha. Excellent dances. (10th week).

MINERVA — "Nartaki", Debki Bose's new picture by New Theatres. Reminiscent of "Vidyapati", Leela Desai's excellent dances Najmal Hussain acts opposite. Beautiful music by Pankaj Mullick. (11th week).

PERA HOUSE — "Rajnartaki" Wadia's first trilingual picture. Sadhona Bose, Prithviraj and Ahin Chawdhry starring. Beautiful dances. (4th week).

PATHE—'Radhika', starring Nalini Jaywant. Fine devotional.

ROXY—Bombay Talkies' "Bandhan", starring Leela Chitnis and Ashok Kumar with V. H. Desai, Suresh, etc. Very entertaining. (28th week).

WEST END—"Lagna Pahawe Karoon" with Damuanna Malvankar in stellar role. Rollicking humour with support from Jog and Vimal. (11th week).

"The Unexpected" At Chitra

The story of a young bride's attempts to liberate herself from the galling and unpleasant yoke of her aged and old husband is very vividly portrayed in "The Unexpected" ("Dunia-na-Mane") which is being screened this week at Chitra (Vincent Road).

Motilal, who gives a fine performance in "Pardeshi" at Lamington.

Sabita Devi in "Holiday in Bombay" shortly coming.

'RADHIKA' AT PATHE

Nalini Jaywant's Successful Debut

National Studios' great devotional picture, 'Radhika' which the Sub-Committee of the Bombay Board of Film Censors had referred for consideration to the full Board was seen by the latter on Wednesday morning and passed without any cut being made. Radhika is as the Pressmen who saw it on last Wednesday and others yesterday, know very well, a picture the main interest of which is spiritual rather than material.

Leaders of the Hindu community like Dr. P. Varadarajulu Naidu, General Secretary of the Hindu Mahasabha, Swami Sambudhananda of the Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mr. N. V. Tampi, President of the Theosophical Society, Bombay, and many others have given it as their unanimous opinion that it is a picture of a high order and higher ideals that every Hindu, man as well as woman, should make it a point to see.

The President of the Theosophical Society in his opinion remarks that "The picture shows once again that to the truly pure in heart no danger can ensue, and that our surest and safest refuge in weal and in woe is God." Swami Sambudhananda remarks that "The Central theme of the picture is the immortal teaching of Lord Sri Krishna." With this high message enshrined in it, Radhika will surely make an irresistible appeal to every one in this country.

Maya Banerji in "Madhusudan" at Imperial.

'Holiday In Bombay' Coming Soon

From an idea conceived during a holiday in Bangalore, Sarvottam Badami is going to give us a comedy "Holiday in Bombay."

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Sabita Devi the versatile comedienne of the Indian screen is in the lead. With her is co-starring Mrs. Shobana Samarth. In the male lead there are four strong and sturdy boys. Arun as a motor car salesman, Jal Merchant as a Doctor, E. Billimoria as a Solicitor, and Kantilal as the husband of the second girl.

Devaki Bose To Direct "Apna Ghar"

Devaki Bose, well-known New Theatres' director who has produced several artistic and highly popular pictures including that cameo in celluloid "Sapera", has recently arrived in Bombay to join the Circo Film production unit. He will direct "Apna Ghar" for Circo, starring the Maharashtrian nightingale, Shanta Apte with Chandra Mohan and K. C. Dey.

Meanwhile, New Theatres' lavish costume film "Nartaki", co-starring Leela Desai and Najmul Hussein and ably directed by Devaki Bose, continues to attract good houses at the Minerva, where it now enters its tenth week.

Nalini Jaywant who is starred in "Radhika" to be released at Pathe to-day.

'Pardesi' Makes Its Mark

Charturbhuj Doshi's Fine Picture

'Pardesi' at Lamington is a natural story which runs well throughout the picture. It has no far-fetched situations and no forced insertions. It is a heavy drama, lightly told with a fast tempo. An earthquake, a happy home that sheltered a brother and sister raised to the ground, the sister's hunt for her lost brother—the brother's loss of memory and taking shelter with a beggar girl who gives him food to eat and roof to sleep under fate and its kickte, both joyful and hateful till we come to the climax which keeps the audience spell bound. The beauty of 'Pardesi' is that although it keeps one entertained its pathos remains reflected in the eyes of the onlookers. The tears do not fall they stay somewhere in the throat and that is saying a lot. 'Pardesi' is heavy without being heavy and light without being light.

'Pardesi' needs mention of its special photography which only a cameraman of the calibre of Krishna Gopal could do. It is superb and soothing. The Sound so capably done by Mr. Subedar is soothing and clear. Stars like Motilal, Khurshid, Snehaprabha, Billimoria, Keshari and Durgesh, have given fine performances. Every detail is perfect in 'Pardesi' and every artiste has acquitted himself or herself with credit. Motilal in a dual role, Khurshid as a beggar maid, Snehaprabha as the ever gay sister—Billimoria a suitor in the running and Keshari, the supporter of Khurshid and Motilal, are all treats.

Music by Khemchand Prakash is very good—perhaps the best out of him so far—which is bound to be noticed. The story is from the pen of Mr. Sudarshan—the famous play-writer.

Ranjit Movietone and Director Chaturbhuj Doshi deserve compliments for having given something original and entertaining.

'Lagna Pahawe Karoon' For One Week Only

"Lagna Pahawe Karoon" will be withdrawn from West End in a week and those who have not yet seen it, should hurry up and laugh to their heart's content while learning a lesson in social reforms.

Renuka and Ashok in "Naya Sansar", coming shortly.

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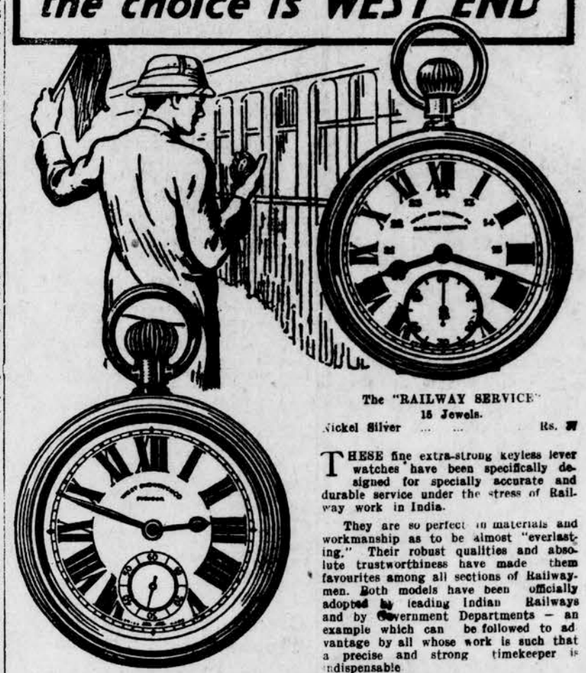

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Jinnah Refuses To Divulge Nature Of 'Documents Sent'

NEW DELHI, Feb. 28.

"The answer is in the affirmative", said Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President of the All-India Muslim League, when the United Press lobby correspondent drew his attention to the statement by Mr Amery in the Commons that "the members of the Government had recently received from Mr Jinnah documents setting out the claims of the Muslim League and urging the Government to reject the Congress demands".

Mr. Jinnah did not at present like to throw any light on the nature of the documents sent to the members of the British Cabinet.—United Press.

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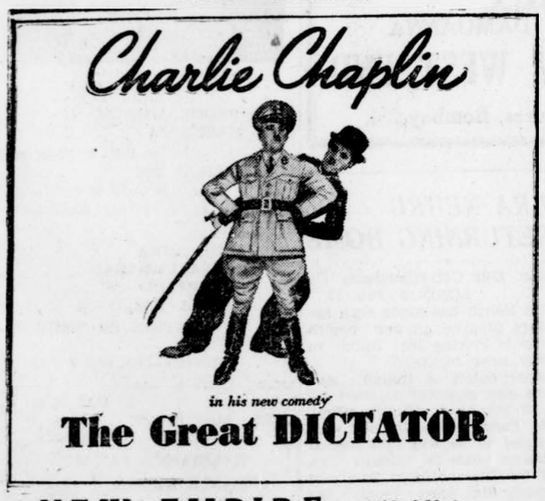

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Dearness Allowance For Railwaymen And Govt. Employees

Communications Member On Govt. Scheme Before Standing Finance Committee

NEW DELHI, Feb. 28

The question of dearness allowance for railwaymen and men in other Government Departments was once again brought up before the Assembly this morning during discussion on a demand for supplementary grant in respect of "working expenses—maintence and working of ferry steamers and harbours", which included a provision to make possible payment of war allowances.

QUESTION BEFORE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sir Andrew Clow replying to the debate stated that Government had made certain proposals in the course of discussions with the All-India Railwaymen's Federation and were awaiting their acceptance. He explained that at the meeting of the Standing Finance Committee for Railway held a few days ago, the Chairman gave to the Committee details of the scheme which Government contemplated for giving allowances.

These were strictly confidential. The Committee approved the scheme by a majority, all members except two agreeing to it.

In reply to a number of questions put by Sir Cowasji Jehangir and Mr. Aney the Communication Member pointed out that the House had in effect approved yesterday the provisional allotment in the budget and that it was not his intention to place before the House the proposals which the Railway Board and the All-India Railwayman's Federation might agree to.

Earlier in the debate replying to Sir Ziauddin's remarks that Government ought to provide for dearness allowance for all Government employees and not only railway employees, Sir Jeremy Raisman, Finance Member, made it clear that the case of railway establishments must be considered separately from the general body of Government servants. There were, he said, special considerations applying to railway establishments, which did not apply equally to other Government servants, and he would not agree to the principle that in agreeing to dearness allowance on a particular scale for railway, he was thereby committing himself to similar compensation to Chaprasis in rural districts and all the miscellaneous types of inferior government servants employed in other departments. In relation to general establishments it was an old established principles that certain compensations might be given to those establishments when the price of staple food stuffs rose above a certain limit. Another practice was that when Provincial Governments adopted certain schemes of grain compensation of dearness allowance, then Central Government servants employed under the jurisdiction of those Provincial Governments were normally placed on the same basis.

EXTEND IT TO ALL

Sir Ziauddin, on a point of personal explanation, said that all he wanted was that if the principle of dearness allowance was accepted it should not be restricted to Railways but should be extended to all Government servants.

Sir Fredrick James pleading for improvement in the condition of the ferry steamers between India and Ceylon commented humorously on the dirt and soot and other evidences of uncleanliness and said that if the steamers were cleaned up, the relations between the two neighbouring countries might improve (laughter).

Sir Andrew Clow pointed out that there was a provision in the South Indian Railway budget for improving these ferry steamers.

Sir Yamin Khan, Maulvi Abdul Ghani and Mr. Staig also took part in the debate.

The demand was passed.

ADJOURNMENT WITHDRAWN

Issue Of Ceylonese Anti-Indian Bills In Central Assembly

NEW DELHI, Feb. 28

An adjournment motion was attempted in the Assembly this morning by Mr. Govind Deshmukh to discuss "the proposed introduction on March 4 in the Ceylon State Council of two Bills affecting the rights of Indians overseas, one for regulating and controlling the entry of non-Ceylonese into Ceylon, and the other for the registration of persons in Ceylon, who do not possess the Ceylon domicile of origin.

The President pointed out that the proposals mentioned in the motion were not the responsibility of the Government of India and that the position of Indians in Ceylon was fully debated earlier in the session.

Mr. Deshmukh argued that the interests of Indian overseas did form part of the Government of India's responsibility. In spite of the debate in the House, he added the Ceylon Ministers were going ahead with their plans, and he suggested that a debate on an adjournment motion would strengthen the hands of the Government of India.

Mr. Aney interviewing suggested that if Mr. Tyson, Secretary for Education, Health and Lands would accept a short notice question on the subject, the adjournment motion might be withdrawn.

Mr. J. D. Tyson signified agreement and the motion was not moved.

Nawabzada Liaqat Ali and Mrs. H. Y. Oulsnam took their seats in the Assembly today.

The Assembly adopted the motion of the Education Secretary Mr. J. D. Tyson to refer the Bill to regulate in the province of Delhi the use of land for purposes other than agriculture.

Mr. Kazimi's motion for circulation of the Bill was rejected after Sir Girjashanker Bajpai had explained that there were no representative bodies like Rate Payers' Association in Delhi, which would express an opinion on the Bill.

The Assembly rose at 4 p.m. for an hour's interval. The Finance Member, Sir Jeremy Raisman, will present the budget at 5-00 p.m.

Frontier Mail Accident Echo

In the course of the debate raised by Sir Ziauddin on the Frontier Mail accident on May 15, 1940, Sir Andrew Clow stated that two railway officials were prosecuted and their appeals were still pending.

The House passed all the demands moved amounted to just over Rs 3 crores.

Sir Zafrullah Khan's Bill to extend certain acts to Berar as reported upon by the Select Committee was passed.—A. P.

Seats On Madras Port Trust

NEW DELHI, Feb. 28

An equal number of seats for European and Indian commercial interests on the Port of Madras is proposed in a Bill to alter the constitution of the Board introduced in the Assembly this morning by Sir Andrew Clow.—A.P.

Eastern Group Exodus

NEW DELHI, Feb. 28

It is gathered here that the Eastern Group Supply Council, which is in the process of formation, is among offices moving up to Simla this summer.—A. P.

Standing Finance Committee

NEW DELHI, Feb. 28

A meeting of the Standing Finance Committee of the Central Assembly has been called for March 8.

MAGISTRATE CORRECTS SHAMDASANI

Case Against Auditors Of Central Bank

The case filed by Mr. Shamdasani charging A. F. Ferguson and Co., auditors, and the Directors of the Central Bank with having made, certified and published a false balance sheet in 1923 was taken up for hearing before Mr. M. A. F. Coelho, Presidency Magistrate, Mazagaon yesterday evening.

Mr. Nelinker raised a preliminary objection that A. Ferguson & Company (Accused No. 1) being a firm could not be criminally charged as a firm and the complainant should have stated the names of the partner or partners of the firm, who had actually audited the accounts and the balance sheet.

Mr. Shamdasani contended that it was perfectly in order to charge the firm as the balance sheet was certified by A. Ferguson & Company and not by any individual partner and that in fact a summons was issued by the Chief Presidency Magistrate, when the case was filed against the firm and it has been accepted by them and the case had gone round different courts and it was too late in the day to raise any such objection. He further contended that he had no means of knowing who actually certified the balance sheet and the firm must accept responsibility for what had been done on behalf of the firm.

In giving his ruling the magistrate said that the offence under Section 282 of the Company's Act, he said, is punishable with imprisonment as well as fine and it would be the height of absurdity to argue that the firm could be imprisoned if the offence is proved.

According to the section particular knowledge and wilful conduct were required to be proved as elements of the offence and the firm as such could not be criminally responsible for the acts of particular partner or partners. Besides, the offence was alleged to have taken place in 1923 and the firm as constituted to-day could not be found guilty of the offence, which is alleged to have taken place so far back.

He therefore, gave an adjournment to enable Mr. Shamdasani, if he so chose, to amend the complaint.

The case was postponed to March 14.

NEW EMPLOYMENT IN BRITAIN

(Continued from page 6)

December 1940 were not only again larger than during the preceding month but also greater than in December 1939. A comparison with the previous year is much more significant because changes can easily occur in separate months.

England's total stocks during December 1940 were 8.1 per cent higher than a year earlier, while stocks of foodstuffs and easily perishable goods were as much as 25.3 per cent greater. The conclusion is obvious as to the enormous reserves which Britain holds, especially of foodstuffs.

Bengal Invitees To Bombay Conference

CALCUTTA, Feb. 27.

The Maharajadhiraj of Burdwan, Sir N. N. Sircar, Sir Manmathanath Mukerjee, Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee, and Mr. Nalini Ranjan Sarker have, it is learnt, been invited from Bengal to attend the conference of political leaders to be held in Bombay on March 13 to make efforts to resolve the present deadlock and principally consider the changes to be made in the constitution of the Central Government during the war.—United Press.

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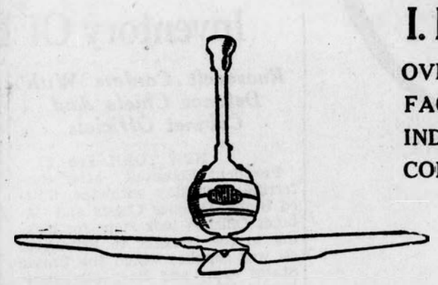

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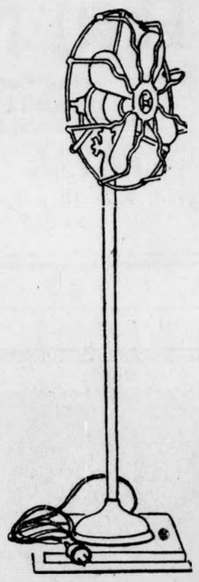

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Any Agreement With Japan Over Indo-China Will Be Refuted By Free France

The Committee of Free French in Bombay has received the following telegram from General de Gaulle, leader of the Free French:—

General de Gaulle and the Defence Council of the French Empire have issued the following declaration: Firstly, the temporary disaster suffered by France does not in any way whatsoever justify an encroachment of any nature on the integrity or rights of French territories by foreign powers in any part of the world.

Secondly, any relinquishment or surrender which has the consent of the Government of Vichy and, or, its representatives will be considered null and void by the Council of Defence of the French Empire.

Thirdly, this declaration and resolution is applicable in particular in the case of Indo-China.

The Council of Defence of the French Empire does not ignore altogether the usefulness of agreements that tend to harmonise the interests of French Indo-China with those of foreign powers, but Free France cannot hold as justifiable nor as definite the concessions that have or will threaten by menace or force the territorial statute of Indo-China as it existed before June 24 on which date the armistice entered into force. The Council of Defence of the French Empire has declared its prior approval of the attitude of Indo-China as long as it opposes such encroachments.—A.P.

Mussolini Explains Reason Of Graziani's Reverses

Fascist Help To Franco Struck Blow To Italy's War Potentiality, Says Rome

LONDON, February 28.

In what appeared to be an attempt to explain away the serious reverses recently suffered by Italy, Mussolini to-day issued, through the Stefani Agency, a long list of armaments which he had sent to General Franco during the Spanish civil war.

An accompanying statement by the Diplomatic Correspondent of the Agency says, "The figures indicate how important was the contribution to Spain which coming immediately after the powerful effort made in Ethiopia, doubtless struck a blow at Italy's war potential.

Fascist Help To Franco.

These two big drafts on the strength of the armed forces were made while other nations were able, on the contrary, to devote all their means to preparing for war"

The list of arms and materials supplied by Mussolini to General Franco in the Spanish civil war is comprehensive. Among the figures issued by the Stefani Agency are the following: Nearly 2,000 fieldguns, over 10,000 automatic arms, nearly 325 million rounds of ammunition for portable arms and 149 fast tanks.

Seven hundred and sixty-three aeroplanes were supplied and 1,401 aeroplane engines together with over 16,000 bombs.

The Stefani message claims that submarines lent to General Franco sunk 18 vessels while 91 Italian warships took part in 101 naval actions. All naval units except two submarines, four destroyers and four motor torpedo-boats were handed back to Italy at the conclusion of hostilities.

Reason of Intervention.

Explaining the reason for Italian intervention in the Spanish civil war the Stefani Agency's Diplomatic Correspondent says it was necessary "for reasons of national revolutionary and Mediterranean policy."

National and Mediterranean reasons made it necessary, he continues, to prevent Spain from becoming a military and naval base for France and Britain against Italy while revolutionary reasons demanded an Italian Fascist intervention for a system modelled on it.—Reuter.

Inventory Of British Needs

Roosevelt Confers With Defence Chiefs And Cabinet Officials

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.

President Roosevelt after conferring yesterday with the United States Defence Chiefs and Cabinet Officials took steps for looking to the transfer to Britain of all war supplies which the United States Army and Navy can spare, says a Washington despatch to the "New York Times".

A final inventory of the British needs and the existing American supplies was checked at the Conference so that the materials can be shipped without loss of time when the Lease and Lend Bill is passed. Officials in Washington believe that some of the present army and navy material may be released for Britain.

One reliable source predicts that a number of planes of a late design intended for the navy will be released for Greece immediately after the passing of the Lease and Lend Bill.

CONSTANT CONFERENCES

"In order that we shall not be guilty of a minute's more delay than can be prevented when Congress passes the Lease and Lend Bill, President Roosevelt will continue his series of conferences with the Chiefs of the War, Navy, State and Treasury Departments." The Prsident's Secretary, Mr. Stephen Early, made this statement to-day and added that much more work remained to be done in gearing the Administration to handle the aid to Britain programme.

FATE OF LEASE AND LEND BILL

Some uneasiness exists among the supporters of the Lease and Lend Bill lest the Opposition should start "filibuster" (obstruction) when the amendments are offered in the Senate next week, says a Washington message.

Senator Van Nuys (Democrat) said that if the Opposition should try to talk the Bill down, he would propose "closure"—which would allow each Senator to speak for one hour only. "Closure", however, requires the approval of two-thirds of the membership of the Senate.

Senator Barkley, a Democratic member, told the press that he was not sure now that the Bill would be in the President's hands by March 9 as had been hoped. He said that Administration circles were ready to accept revision of the suggestion by Senator Ellender (Democrat) that the President should obtain the sanction of Congress before sending American troops outside the Western Hemisphere.

Senator Norris (Independent) who was one of the few Senators, who voted against the declaration of war in 1917, said in a wireless speech last night that he would vote for the Bill as "necessary to keep us out of the war" He added that with the passage of the Bill the probability was that England would win and the Hitler machine disappear.

NO MORE DESTROYERS

Hitler's threat of an intensified war at sea is regarded by some New York papers as merely another contribution to the war of nerves and the R.A.F.'s bombardment of the docks at Brest offers the belief that the British will not let Hitler obtain the initiative in the submarine war.

The present state of American opinion on the question of giving Britain more aid at sea is somewhat confused. Arthur Krock, the Washington correspondent of the "New York Times" declares that responsible quarters in the Capital are now prepared to furnish protection for convoys if needed, but Admiral Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, interviewed yesterday declared his opposition to the transfer of further American destroyers and at the same time officials of the Maritime Commission were quoted as saying that the United States could not spare merchant ships for Britain.

As the Senate debate on the Lease and Lend Bill draws to a close, non-interventionist papers are resorting to extreme propaganda tactics against the measure, but indications are that the Bill still commands a substantial majority in the Senate.—Reuter.

GRAZIANI'S LUGGAGE IN TUNIS

(From Our Correspondent)
LONDON, Feb. 27

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"Whatever is done must depend on whatever the American people make it possible to do weeks and months ahead. We all know what England is doing and we recognise the gallantry, sacrifice and unity of her people under the leadership of Mr. Churchill."

Twenty-seven passengers in the Clipper included Mr. Benjamin Cohen, Presidential Adviser.—Reuter.

INDIRA NEHRU RETURNING HOME

(From Our Correspondent)
LONDON, Feb. 27.

Indira Nehru has made such satisfactory progress in her health that she is leaving for India in the very near future.

Another batch of Indian students is also expected to start for India in the near future. They include Feroze Gandhy who is understood to be the first Indian in thirteen years to obtain an award for International Law and Diplomatic Relations from the Royal Institute and British Foreign office. It may be recalled that Gandhy was deported from France with your correspondent in 1938.

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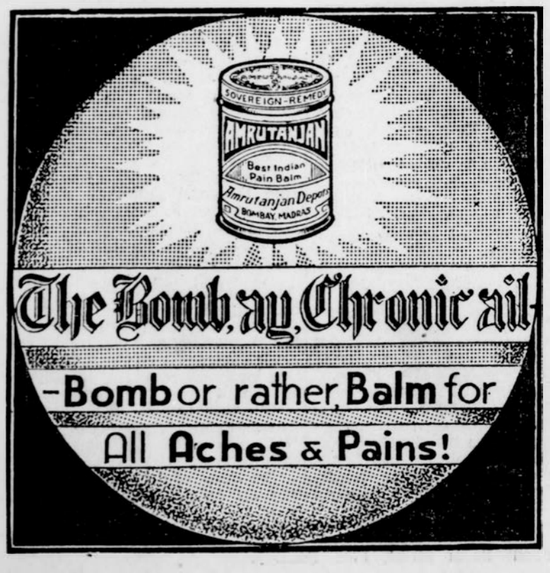

TRADE AND FINANCE

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Weekly Market Reviews

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

Bombay, Feb. 28.

MONEY

The short-term money market continued to be easy throughout the week under review. Inter-bank call money rate was unchanged at 1/4 per cent. and 3 to 6 months' money was placeable between 3/4 and 1 per cent. per annum. The Government sold Rs 2.33 crores worth of intermediaries during the week, while the yield on three months' Government of India Treasury Bills improved slightly from Re. 0-11-1 to Re. 0-11-4 per cent. per annum.

A fall of Rs. 255.27 lacs in the active note circulation is revealed by the weekly statement of the Reserve Bank of India, made up to 21st February, 1941. The total note issue has expanded by Rs. 91.58 lacs, which is offset by a rise of Rs. 91.35 lacs in the Bank's holding of Rupee Coin. In the Banking Department, there is an allround increase in all Deposits; those on account of Government have increased by Rs 156.44 lacs, Bankers' by Rs. 196.95 lacs and Others by Rs. 10.03 lacs. Balances held abroad record a further addition of Rs. 42 lacs. Loans and Advances to Government have come down by Rs. 5 lacs.

The Imperial Bank of India's statement for the week ended 21st February, 1941, records an increase of Rs. 23.97 lacs in all kinds of Deposits. Investments have declined by Rs. 110.75, while the item of Advances is up by Rs. 84.84 lacs. The Bank's holding of Cash has gone up by Rs. 51.43 lacs.

GILT-EDGED

The local gilt-edged market ruled steady during the week, with little or no change in quotations. The turnover in the market was moderate 3-1/2 per cent. India Sterling Stock remained static around 99 throughout, but 3-1/2 per cent. Rupee Paper in the local market, after firming up to Rs 95, gradually lost ground and closed lower at Rs. 94-8. Amongst dated bonds, 2-3/4 per cent. 1948-52 loan closed at Rs. 96-12, 3 per cent. 1941 bonds at Rs. 100-14 and 3-1/2 per cent. 1947-50 loan at Rs. 102-2. 3 per cent. 1951-54 loan found sellers at Rs. 98-14 and 4 per cent. 1960-70 loan at Rs. 108. Business in 3 per cent. 1963-65 loan was reported at Rs. 94-4, in 4 per cent. 1943 bonds at Rs. 104-10 and in 4-1/2 per cent. 1955-60 loan at Rs. 113-8. 3 per cent. 1945-55 (tax free) loan changed hands at Rs. 112, whilst 3 per cent. 1946 New Defence Bonds were quoted at Rs. 100-14 at the close.

EXCHANGE

The rupee/sterling exchange market continued to be flat all through the week with no change in rates. There was practically no showing of merchandise export bills either. For inter-bank business, sellers of spot T. T. on London quoted 1s. 5-63/64d. and buyers 1s. 6d. Merchant rates as fixed by the Exchange Banks' Association were unchanged as under:—

Sellers—T. T. for spot delivery and upto six months—1s. 5-31/32d.

Buyers—T. T. for spot delivery and upto six months—1s. 6-1/32d.

In the New York market, sterling moved narrowly between 402.75 and 403.50 cents. There was no change either in the Shanghai dollar, which was stationary at 3-3/8d. or the yen which lay pegged at 1s. 2-1/2d.

GOLD

The boom in the gold market, noticed in the previous week, assumed a larger proportion during the period under review. After fluctuating between Rs. 42-6-6 and Rs. 42-15-3 during the earlier part of the week spot gold shot up to Rs. 44-0-3 on Wednesday. The rise was ascribed partly to purchases by option-dealers and speculators and partly to genuine up-country demand for gold coin and bullion, while supplies from up-country continued to be on a reduced scale. There was some profit-taking towards the end of the week and the rate declined to Rs. 43-12 and finally closed at Rs. 43-13-3. March settlement was quoted at a premium of 9 pies, while gold to be delivered in the April settlement commanded a similar premium over March. There was a reappearance of demand for the gold coin and the price of sovereigns advanced from Rs. 28-13-7 to Rs. 29-8 on Wednesday. Stocks of gold are estimated at about 3,25,000 tolas; arrivals from up-country are said to have averaged about 4,000 to 5,000 tolas a day; while the average daily offtake, including gold surrendered in exchange for sovereigns, is estimated to be about 5,000 tolas. The highest and lowest rates touched were. Rs. 44-0-3 and Rs. 42-6-6 for spot, Rs. 44-1-0 and Rs. 42-7-3 for March settlement and Rs. 44-2-3 and Rs 42-8-3 for April settlement.

SILVER

Compared to the gold market, the silver section of the local bullion market witnessed an uneventful session, though the undertone remained steady. Spot sliver opened at Rs. 62-15-6 and declined to Rs. 62-11 the next day on reports of some special selling, but improved again to Rs. 63-2 on Wednesday in sympathy with gold. Towards the end of the week, the rate again declined to Rs. 62-11 and finally closed at Rs. 63-1. The only feature of the week was the widening of the premium on cash over forward from 2 annas to 4 annas. April settlement was quoted at level rates with March. In London, the market remained idle. Except on the opening day when it was quoted at 23-3/8d., spot silver lay fixed at 23-7/16d. throughout. The discount on two months' forward delivery varied between 1/16d. and 1/8d. Stocks of silver in the market are estimated to be about 5,000 bars. The highest and lowest rates touched were: Rs. 63-2 and Rs 62-11 for spot and Rs. 62-15 and Rs. 62-9 for March and April settlements.

SHARES

The stock market appeared to have discounted the worst features of the forthcoming budget and prices of all scrips forged ahead. There was moderate investment and speculative inquiry in all sections, particularly in steels and cotton mills.

Tata Iron and Steel Deferreds, after opening steady at Rs. 1,948, penetrated the two thousand limit and closed firm at Rs. 2,010, whilst Ordinaries gained over 10 points to Rs. 390. Cotton mill shares also exhibited a rising trend; Bombay Dyeings moved up from Rs. 1,086-4 to Rs. 1,110, Centuries from Rs. 379 to Rs. 387 and Central Indias from Rs. 305-8 to Rs. 308. Colabas ruled steady around Rs. 174, whilst Gokaks found buyers at Rs. 214-88 and Kohinoors at Rs. 423. New Greaves gained from Rs 428 to Rs. 346 at the finish. In the Hydro-electric group of shares, Andhra Valleys were practically unchanged at Rs. 1,845 and Bombay Trams around Rs. 135, Tata Hydros closed firm at Rs. 187-8, but Tata Powers kept gradually moving down from Rs. 1,650 to Rs. 1,612-8. Bank shares ruled easier in the absence of much business; Bank of Indias were quoted lower at Rs. 143-12xd and Imperial Bank Fully Paids at Rs. 1,550. Central Banks, on the other hand, were well maintained around Rs. 43-14. In the miscellaneous bloc of shares, Associated Cements were particularly strong at Rs. 144-4 and Belapurs at Rs 218. Bombay Burmas ranged narrowly around Rs. 535 and Scindia Steams at Rs. 21. New India showed small variations around Rs. 41.

CALCUTTA

The jute section of the Calcutta share market passed yet another week of quiet trading. Prices showed only minor variations.

High Court

ADMINISTRATION BOND

Assignment And Limitation

(Before the Lords of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council).

The General Accident Fire and Life Assurance Corporation, Ltd.: Appellants (Original Defendants).

Versus

Janmahomed Abdul Rahim: Respondent (Original Plaintiff).

And the Consolidated Cross-Appeal by the Plaintiff.

These were two consolidated appeals from a judgment and decree of the High Court of Bombay in its appellate jurisdiction, dated 31st March 1938, confirming with a variation the decision of that court in its original jurisdiction. The appellants besides disputing liability on a number of grounds had raised the contention that the suit was barred by limitation under Art. 68 of the Indian Limitation Act.

The facts of the case were that on 18th September 1924 one Abdul Rahim died intestate at Bombay leaving a widow Hawabai and three minor sons, and an estate worth Rs. 2,75,791. On 14th May 1925 Hawabai and the present appellants as sureties executed a bond for Rs. 3,98,060 on the usual condition that upon due administration of the estate the bond was to become void. On 9th June 1925 Letters of Administration were issued to Hawabai for the use and benefit of the three minor sons till one of them attained majority. On 2nd July 1925 Hawabai, who was an illiterate Pardanashin lady, appointed her cousin one Bhatra, her attorney, to manage the estate of Abdul Rahim. Bhatra misapplied the property and ultimately committed suicide on 22nd October 1928. Then on 27th April 1929 Hawabai died and on 14th November 1931 the plaintiff who was the eldest son of Abdul Rahim, attained majority.

On 24th March 1932 an order was made by the High Court and pursuant to that order on 14th August 1932 the Court assigned the bond to the plaintiff under Sec. 292 of the Indian Succession Act. On 2nd November 1932 the plaintiff filed the present suit upon the bond against the defendants as sureties claiming Rs. 3,98,060 or such lesser sum as represented the loss to the estate of Abdul Rahim by the mal-administration of Hawabai.

The trial judge and the appellate Court (the Hon. the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Kania) felt bound by the decision in Manubhai's case (60 Bom. 1027). In Manubhai's case which was on all fours with the present case, the learned Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Rangnekar overruling Mr. Justice Blackwell had decided that in cases under Sec. 292 of the Indian Succession Act, the defence of limitation under Art. 68 of the Indian Limitation Act was not available.

In the present cast, therefore, the question arose before their Lordships of the Privy Council as to whether or not Manubhai's case was correctly decided. In that case the trial judge, Mr. Justice Blackwell, had held that the suit being on a bond subject to a condition, Art. 68 applied and time began to run from the date on which the condition was broken and a suit brought more than three years after that date would be barred by limitation, and that the assignment merely entitled the assignee to recover as a trustee for all persons interested in the estate. The Appellate Court in that case, however, reversed his decision on two grounds. First, that it was impossible to say that the condition of the bond was broken till the assignee attained majority and claimed the estate but failed to obtain it. And secondly, that Sec. 292 conferred a new cause of action on the assignee and, therefore, furnished a fresh starting point for limitation.

JUDGMENT

Delivering the judgment of the Board, Viscount Maugham observed as to the first of these two grounds that it was impossible to say that the administratrix Hawabai broke the condition of the bond after her death and "the condition of the bond, according to its terms, was, therefore, broken at the latest on her death, that is, more than three years prior to the suit." With regard to the second ground of the Appellate Court in Manubhai's case their lordships were of the opinion that on the wording of Sec. 292 it was not possible to hold that it furnished a new cause of action from which the period of limitation could start to run.

Their lordships agreed with what they styled "an admirable judgment" of Mr. Justice Blackwell in Manubhai's case and stated that the decision of the Appellate Court in that case was erroneous. Their lordships, therefore, held that the present suit was barred by limitation and allowed the appeal but dismissed the plaintiff's cross-appeal with costs.

SINGAPORE.—A total of five million straits dollars was reached by the publicly subscribed Straits Settlements war fund for the purchase of bombers for the R.A.F.

Punjab Benami Act Declared "Ultra Vires"

Govt. Appeals To High Court Against Lower Court Judgment

LAHORE, Feb 27.

The "Benami Act" had been declared 'ultra vires' of the Provincial Legislature by two Sub-Judges and the Punjab Government had filed an appeal in the High Court against their decisions.

Dismissing the appeal with costs their Lordships held that the 'Benami Act' was 'intra vires qua' sales or mortgages of agriculturists who were "Benafter the commencement after the commence-ment of this Act, i.e., from the first of June 1939, but it was 'ultra vires qua' transactions affecting rights in agriculturists land whether sales or mortgages effected before the passing of the act or with respect to transactions which were not sales or mortgages of agricultural land effected before or after the commencement of the act.—A. P.

JUHU'S REQUEST TO BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY

Plea For Annual Grant Of Rs. 20,000 For Amenities To Visitors Turned Down

The Municipality of Juhu has again applied to the Municipal Corporation for a recurring annual grant of Rs. 15,000 as its annual income is only, Rs. 20,000, which is not adequate to meet several charges such as lighting, maintenance of roads etc. As a number of people from Bombay resort to Juhu, the Municipality has to incur expense to give them amenities. If this grant is sanctioned an assurance is given that it will be used for the benefit of outsiders resorting to Juhu.

The Municipal Commissioner after pointing out legal difficulties in giving aid to a Municipality outside the limit of Bombay states:—

"COMPLICATED SITUATION"

"Visitors to Juhu hail not only from Bombay but also from Santa Cruz, Vile-Parle, Bandra, and other adjoining Suburbs. There is however nothing to indicate that the Juhu Municipality has applied for a similar grant from these bodies.

"A large number of people from Bombay also visit different Hill Stations and other places and if the claim of the Juhu Municipality is admitted there is no reason why the Local Bodies concerned should not make a similar request to us.

A number of visitors regularly come to Bombay from the Suburbs including Juhu and other places round about Bombay and on the same analogy the Bombay Municipality could likewise claim grants from such bodies."

"If the principle underlying the request of the Juhu Municipality for grant is accepted I think a complicated situation may arise in future. In these circumstances and in view of the legal difficulty I am of opinion that the request of the Juhu Municipality should not be entertained."

BOMB-PROOF BURMA ROAD

Air Attacks Can Never Dislocate Traffic

LASHIO (Burma), Feb. 25

Air attack can never seriously impede the steady flow of traffic along the Burma Road. This is the conclusion reached by an "Associated Press" special correspondent after a ten-day trip along the road in a convoy of ten lorries.

It is true that bridges over the Mekong River had been damaged by Japanese bombs but a ferry service is now carrying 100 fully loaded trucks each way daily and when more ferries and connecting roads are completed as many trucks as the road can carry will be transported across the river by these means. The existing ferry consists of a few planks strapped on empty petrol drums and is pulled across the river by a stationary lorry. The ferry works during the night and is dismantled during the day so that there is a danger from Japanese air attacks. Even if this simple ferry were damaged another could speedily be prepared.

UNINTERRUPTED TRAFFIC

The Burma Road is subject to frequent dislocation by landslide and flood but the Chinese organisation of permanent gangs of labourers along the road is so effective that traffic has not been interfered for more than 24 hours at a time during the past twelve months and that includes the rainy season. After seeing these natural hazards it is hard to believe that aerial bombardment could offer an equal menace to the steady traffic flow.

When the road was first reopened about forty trucks daily left Burma for China carrying 100 tons of cargo exclusive of petrol for the journey but by the middle of January 160 trucks went through daily carrying 450 tons. Completion of petrol dumps shortly will enable more cargo to be carried.—A. P.

Federal Form Of Govt. Best For India

MADRAS, Feb. 27.

"A federal form of the Government is the best suited to the genius and needs of India," declared Sir Shafaat Ahmad Khan, delivering the first of two university lectures on the "framing of the Indian constitution", under the Rt. Hon. V. S. Srinivasa Sastri Endowment at the Senate House. Sir Mohamed Usman, Vice-Chancellor, Madras University, presided.—A. P.

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Over Twenty Crores Deficit Next Year

India's War Bill Shoots Up

TAXATION GALORE TO FILL IN GAP

Uncovered Deficit To Be Met By Borrowing

NEW DELHI, Feb. 28.

The Finance Member disclosed a deficit of Rs. 8,42 lakhs for 1940-41 and a prospective deficit of Rs. 20,46 lakhs for 1941-42.

The strengthening of all arms of India's defence services is estimated to cost approximately Rs. 24 crores this year, and Rs. 35 crores additional expenditure next year.

The benefit to India from the recent repatriation of sterling loans it was explained, lies in the reduction of the Government of India's external debt by about Rs. 120 crores, the decrease in sterling interest charges and an immediate gain to revenue.

FALL IN CUSTOMS

Besides the balance of Rs. 7,77 lakhs available in the Revenue Reserve Fund from the surplus of 1939-40, the Finance Member stated that the current year's revenue had improved by Rs. 4,21 lakhs. Against this expenditure had increased by Rs. 19,54 lakhs, of which Rs. 18,50 lakhs were for the Defence Services. The year 1940-41 is now expected to end with a deficit of Rs. 8,42 lakhs.

Due to war time conditions Customs receipts, which have fallen by over Rs. 8 crores as compared with last year, are Rs. 1,41 lakhs below the budget estimate. There is also a fall of Rs. 2,10 lakhs in Sugar Excise and Rs. 50 lakhs in Salt revenue. The Railways are however expected to pay Rs. 4,65 lakhs more to general revenues. Rs. 7,15 lakhs under the Railway convention and Rs. 2,81 lakhs as a refund of arrears of contribution. Other increases are Rs. 92 lakhs under Currency and Mint and Rs. 65 lakhs in the surplus of the Posts and Telegraphs Department. Taxes on Income, including Excess Profits Tax and the Central surcharge imposed last November, show a rise of Rs 3,30 lakhs, by which the share of the Province is increased from Rs 3,00 lakhs to Rs. 3,73 lakhs.

DEFENCE PREPARATIONS

With the total strength of India's armed forces at well over half a million men of all arms and further expansion proceeding, the latest estimate for the increase in Defence Expenditure in 1940-41 on this account is Rs. 17,75 lakhs. This provides for the raising of new armoured and mechanized cavalry regiments; new Indian field artillery regiments, regular infantry battalions, engineer units, more M. T. sections and all the highly trained and specialised ancillary troops required for modern warfare. Training establishments for mechanical transport, for Signals and for Sapper and Miner Units have been still further increased. Improvements in the supply situation and the increasing assistance of His Majesty's Government have made it possible to plan the transformation into armoured and light-armoured regiments of the whole of the existing cavalry and to raise additional regiments of artillery. By a standing arrangement recently agreed to by His Majesty's Government India is to receive a substantial fixed proportion of the United Kingdom's output of equipment as a result of which steady supplies of all kinds of equipment unobtainable in India are now forthcoming.

The growth of the Royal Indian Navy has continued unchecked. The programme of ship-building in India has been further expanded and the recruiting and training of officers and men to man the new ships is proceeding apace. As regards the Air Force, modern aircraft and equipment are in sight from American sources and further supplies are expected which will go a considerable way towards completing and modernising the equipment of the squadrons now in India, as well as setting free machines for training new squadrons. The training both of officers and airmen is being pushed forward as rapidly as the capacity of the expanded flying schools permits. Aeroplanes manufacture has reached a new stage and the year 1941 should witness the appearance of the first aeroplanes to be made in India.

The revised estimate of defence expenditure for 1940-41 amounts to Rs. 72,02 lakhs. This includes Rs. 24,31 lakhs for India's war measures but excludes the cost of supplies and services rendered by India to His Majesty's Government, who pay in full for all such supplies and who are also providing free of charge much of the equipment for the modernisation of the Army and for the initial equipment of units now being raised in India.

CIVIL ESTIMATES

The net increase in Civil expenditure is only Rs. 1,04 lakhs despite the additional cost of training schemes connected with the war. This is mainly due to a saving of Rs. 71 lakhs in interest charges and a reduction of Rs. 67 lakhs in pensionary charges owing to Burma's share being taken in reduction of expenditure instead of as revenue.

The total expenditure for 1940-41 is thus estimated at Rs. 112,13 lakhs as against a total revenue of Rs. 103,71 lakhs leaving a deficit in the current year of Rs. 8,42 lakhs.

REVENUE ESTIMATES 1941-42

The total revenue for 1941-42 which is estimated at Rs. 1,06,39 lakhs includes the first full year's receipts from the Excess Profits Tax and the Central Surcharge imposed last November.

The yield from Customs duties has been estimated Rs. 3 crores lower than the current year's estimate—Rs. 34,75 lakhs as against Rs. 37,75 lakhs. This is based on the assumption that present tendencies will continue and that there will be no violent change in the effect of the war on Customs revenue.

Sugar accounts almost entirely for an increase of Rs. 1,75 lakhs in Central Excise Duties. The estimated yield of ordinary Corporation Tax and Income-Tax has been raised by Rs. 50 lakhs to Rs. 21,50 lakhs, as the assessments will be based on incomes derived from a full year of war profits. The Central Surcharge is expected to yield Rs. 5,68 lakhs and the Excess Profits Tax Rs. 7,50 lakhs with an additional carry-over of Rs. 1,00 lakhs from the current year. The Provincial share of Income-Tax is expected to increase from Rs. 3,73 lakhs this year to Rs. 4,46 lakhs next year.

The Posts and Telegraphs Department's revenue for 1941-42 is expected to be Rs. 13,49 lakhs and its expenditure Rs. 12,09 lakhs. The extra revenue from the increased rates imposed last November, Rs. 33 lakhs in 1940-41 and Rs. 1,00 lakhs in 1941-42, is to be transferred outright to General Revenues, and as recent surplus are due largely to war conditions, no interests is to be paid on the Departments accumulated surplus beyond Rs. 1 crore.

DEFENCE ESTIMATES

The Defence Budget for 1941-42 amounts to Rs. 84,13 lakhs made up of—

	Rs. lakhs.
(1) Basic normal budget	36,77
(2) Effect of rise in prices	3,55
(3) India's war measures	35,40
(4) Non-effective charges	8,41
	84,13

The Finance Member stressed the fact that these estimates provided only for specific schemes and measures definitely under way or in sight and, while Defence plans have to be adapted to meet the changing war situation, it is impossible to forecast the cost of unforeseeable items. The charges borne by His Majesty's Government on account of the supplies and services rendered by India during 1941-42 are expected to be more than double the amount of India's war expenditure.

CIVIL ESTIMATES

Civil expenditure estimates have increased by Rs. 2,61 lakhs. There is firstly the full year's cost of the various war schemes. The training of the Air Force Reserve is to cost Rs. 33 lakhs and the War Technicians Training Scheme, which provides for the training of 15,000 men by March, 1942, a further Rs. 93 lakhs. The Standing Finance Committee have approved of a number of new items of essential expenditure for inclusion in the budget, including the subsidy to the Haj pilgrimage, the new Broadcasting Station at Karachi and a further programme of Civil Aviation Works. The expenditure on the Supply Department has also increased to Rs. 58 lakhs due to its expansion and re-organisation to meet the ever-growing demands. It was stated that the total value of all orders placed on behalf of His Majesty's Government and other allied Governments up to the middle of January exceeded Rs. 82 crores.

The Civil expenditure estimates thus come to Rs. 42,72 lakhs and with Defence estimates of Rs. 84,13 lakhs the figures for 1941-42 are thus:—

	Rs. lakhs.
Revenue	1,06,39
Expenditure	1,2685
Prospective Deficit	20,46

REPATRIATION OF STERLING DEBT.

The Finance Member then referred to the repatriation of Indian sterling loans recently announced. When the operation was complete, he said, not only would the Government of India's external debt have been reduced by about Rs. 120 crores, but its sterling interest charges would have been halved over the last six years

Including sterling railway annuities and debentures discharged each year, and the transfer of sterling family pensions, Government's sterling obligations would have been reduced by over Rs. 220 crores since 1935. Of this sum Rs 145 crores will have been repatriated since the outbreak of war.

The cancellation of so large a block of sterling liabilities with a reduction in India's overseas obligations to the extent of well over £3,000,000 a year would permanently strengthen India's external position and consequently make it reasonable for the Reserve Bank to hold a somewhat lower proportion of external assets than previously. There was however no necessity or intention, the Finance Member said, of reducing the minimum percentage of external assets which they must hold under the Act; nor was there any necessity for revision of the statutory price of India's gold reserve.

Referring to a disposition in certain quarters to doubt the value of these conversion operations since they involved a reduction, at least for the time being, in the size of the sterling holdings of the Reserve Bank, the Finance Member said these holdings had risen greatly since the outbreak of war Even after the reduction involved in repatriation, India's sterling reserves would still be in the neighbourhood of Rs. 80 crores—almost exactly the same as the average sterling holdings during the last full pre-war year.

Pointing out that it was not the absolute size of the sterling reserve which mattered, but its size in relation to the magnitude of the external liabilities against which it was held, Sir Jeremy Raisman emphasized that the repatriation operations did not affect the size of India's gold reserves in the least and did not involve any change either in monetary policy or in the day-to-day operations of the currency system.

While the real gain to the country lay in the liquidation of external obligations, the Finance Member said there would also be an immediate revenue gain to Government, and there could be few countries in the world to-day fortunate enough to possess sufficient liquid resources to repatriate a large portion of their external debt, while leaving their Central Bank in a position of unchallenge able strength.

NEW TAXATION PROPOSALS

NEW DELHI, Feb. 28.

Announcing a prospective deficit of 20,46 lakhs, the Finance Member proposed to increase the rate of the Excess Profits Tax from 50 per cent to 66 and two-third per cent to yield two and a half crores.

He also proposed to raise the Central Surcharge on Income-tax and Super-tax from 25 per cent to 33 1/3 per cent to yield an additional 190 lakhs.

The Finance Member proposed to double the Excise Duty on matches to produce 150 lakhs. He proposed to increase the Import Duty now leviable on artificial silk yarn and thread. the duty stands at 25 per cent 'ad valorem' or three annas per pound whichever is higher, and he proposed to increase the alternative specific duty to five annas per pound to yield 36 lakhs. Ten per cent 'ad valorem' Excise Duty on pneumatic tyres and tubes to yield 35 lakhs. Total estimated yield of new taxation is 6,61 lakhs while the uncovered revenue deficit will be met by borrowing. —A.P.

EMBARGO ON GOLD EXPORT

Heavy Penalties For Smuggling

NEW DELHI, Feb. 28

A Press Note states:—The Defence of India Rules have been amended so as to prohibit the taking out of India of gold in any form without the permission of the Reserve Bank of India.

The object is to make the smuggling out of gold, which involves a loss on gold to the Empire without any corresponding gain in foreign exchange, punishable with imprisonment. The present amendment replaces the former prohibition under the Sea Customs Act and consequently enhances the penalties prescribed for infringement.

The existing prohibition on the import of gold in any form is being continued under a separate notification under the Sea Customs Act."—A. P.

DEBUT OF 'MADE IN INDIA' PLANES THIS YEAR

Raisman's Rosy Picture Of War Industries

NEW DELHI, Feb. 28.

The following are the main points from the budget statement:—

India's defence budget for 1941/42 Rs. 84 crores against Rs. 72 crores in 1940/41.

India's war expenditure Rs. 35 crores in 1941/42 against Rs. 24 crores this year.

Charges borne by His Majesty's Government for supplies and service rendered by India expected to exceed double India's war expenditure for 1941/42.

The total strength of India's armed forces now well over half a million men of all arms; and further expansion is proceeding.

Provision is made for raising new armoured and mechanised cavalry regiments; new Indian field artillery regiments, regular infantry battalions, engineer units, more mechanical transport sections.

'MADE IN INDIA' PLANES

The year 1941 will witness the appearance of the first "Made in India" aeroplanes;

A number of modern aircraft and connected equipment are expected from American sources;

Vehicles, machine tools and other essential war requirements are now permitted to be purchased in the United States and Canada.

Workmen employed in Ordnance and clothing factories have increased from 17,000 to 45,000, and those in the Government Dockyard from 1,168 before the war to nearly 5,000.

The Supply Department carried out orders for H. M. G. and other Allied Governments valued at over Rs. 82 crores by the middle of January.

ARMY EQUIPMENT

Orders placed on behalf of overseas Governments included: two and a quarter million yards of jute canvas; three and a quarter million yards of a new jute and cotton fabric; twelve million yards of khaki materials and fourteen million yards of canvas.

Production of army boots, harness, saddlery and leather equipment is now thirty times the pre-war average.

Medical stores imported have decreased from 77 per cent. to 46 per cent.

New manufacturing plant to meet the requirements of chemicals formerly drawn from Europe are under construction.

Web equipment, lubricating oil, bichromates and acetic acid formerly imported are now being produced in India.

Cotton canvas has been substituted for flax canvas, fish oil for codliver oil and various Indian drugs for imported ones.

4,000 tons of timber and over a million railway sleepers have been purchased for military requirements.

With the completion of the sterling repatriation, India's sterling obligations will have been reduced by over Rs. 220 crores since 1935.

The provinces' share of the income-tax pool expected to reach Rs. 4.46 lakhs in 1941/42 against Rs. 3,73 lakhs this year.

Charlie Chan Detective Story Day By Day

DEDUCTION OF A FACT

BANANA BOAT MYSTERY

INSPECTOR CHAN WANTS TO SEE ALL OF US? WHY?
SAM SHALLET'S BEEN MURDERED—AND THE OLD BOY THINKS HE KNOWS WHO BUMPED HIM OFF!
WELL, TREVOR, YOU MUST SERVE ME ONCE MORE! THEN THE MURDER OF SAM SHALLET WILL BE SOLVED—AND PAID FOR!
LATER, IN THE CAPTAIN'S CABIN...
WE'VE WAITED LONG ENOUGH! I WONDER WHAT'S KEEPING TREVOR?
I DID NOT THINK HE WOULD BE SO FOOLISH AS TO STAY AWAY—AND ADMIT GUILT!
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Alfred Andriola
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END OF WARDHA SCHEME IN BIHAR

CUTTACK, Feb. 28

A Gazette Extraordinary has been issued notifying that the Governor of Orissa has dissolved with effect from March 1, 1941, the Board of Basic Education constituted in 1938 and has resumed powers and functions vested in them.

The Government have already announced their decision to discontinue the grant for continuation of the Wardha scheme of Basic Education under which fifteen Basic Schools were established in Bari area.—A P

The Half-Column By "Dim"

Sir Sorabjee Sakhatvala's tackling of the word Massachussets was like Tall Story in a ten furlong race. First he shied at the barrier and then got left at the start. In such cases, Sir Sorabjee, the thing to do is just say "Ma. U.S.A."

Apropos pronunciation, "nucleus" is pronounced "new klus", not Necklace.

Vincent of Tata Aviation told me the rather beautiful story of a London shop-keeper whose cigarette shop was blown down. He continued to sell his wares in a barrel outside and hung a poster outside his bombed shop to say: "That's nothing, friends, you ought to see my Berlin branch."

Someone has suggested that the Tata Memorial Hospital should be converted into the Taj and "vice-versa." Imagine a mixed grill served from the room that was meant to be the morgue.

From my Gestapo Agent with a poisoned pen comes the following on the embryo citizens of the U.S.A.—"Where is Washington?"

"He's dead".

"I mean the capital of the United States".

"Oh, they loaned it all to the British Empire".

"Do you promise to support the constitution?"

"Me—how can I? I've a wife and six children to support."

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